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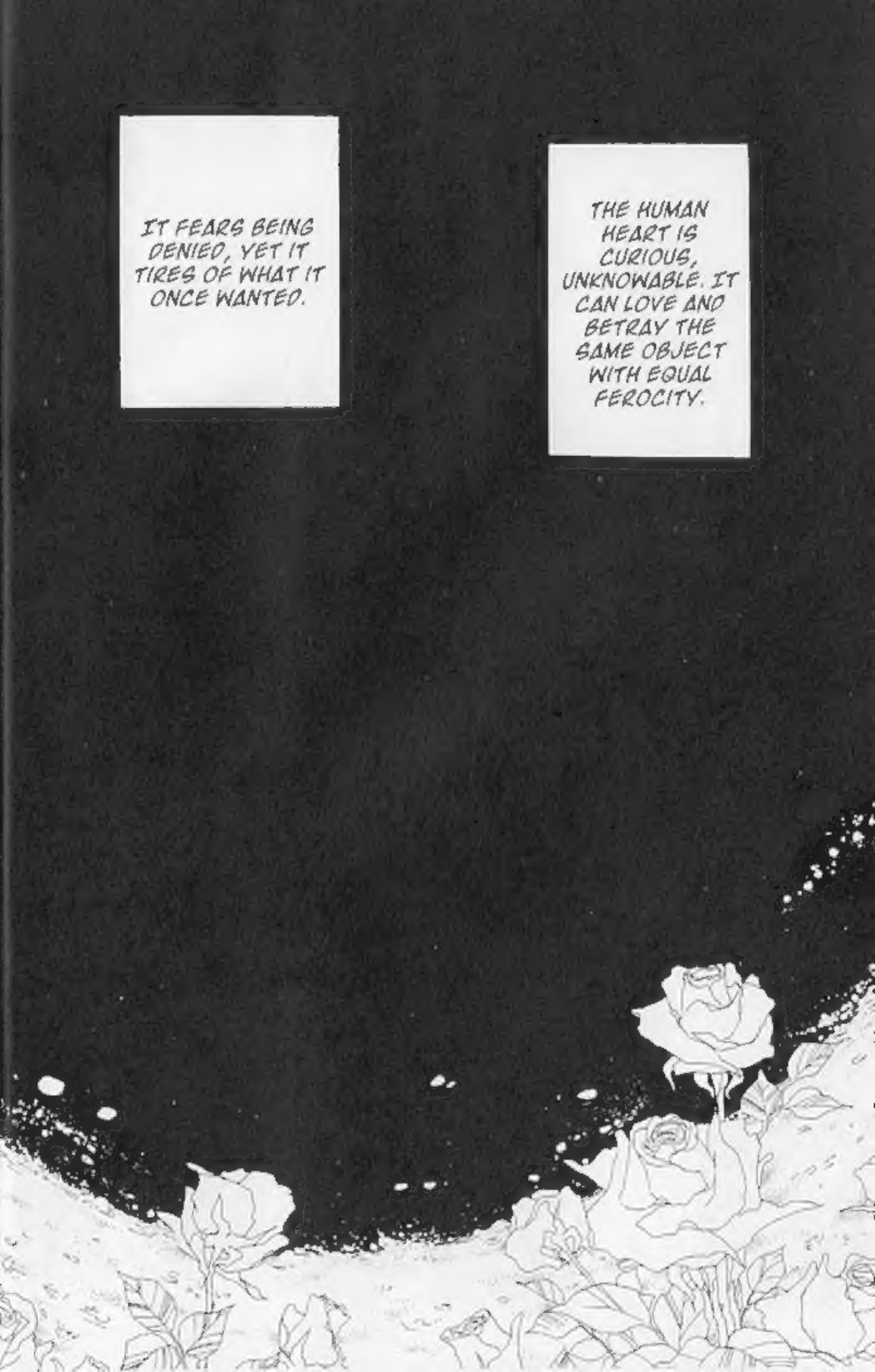
# SECRET GARDEN

SECRET GARDEN

IT FEARS BEING DENIED, YET IT TIRES OF WHAT IT ONCE WANTED.

THE HUMAN HEART IS CURIOUS, UNKNOWABLE. IT CAN LOVE AND BETRAY THE SAME OBJECT WITH EQUAL FEROCITY.



SPLASH
SPLASH!!
THESE BLISTERS ARE APPALLING.
SPLASH
YOWCH!
BE GENTLER, WOULD YOU?
COLD
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
BAD-MINTON. WITH CHIKAYA.
PLEASE TAKE CARE. YOU KNOW YOUR BODY IS DELICATE.

I'M VERY SORRY.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO BE GENTLER?!
OH MY.
YOU'RE BLEEDING.
OW!
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT SUCH A PRODUCTION?
AND I TOLD YOU TO QUIT LICKING PEOPLE'S FEET.

NECK-LACE.
BY THE WAY, ABOUT THE SAPPHIRE COLLAR YOU WERE LOOKING FOR...
SIR?
I SIMPLY SUCKED IT A LITTLE BECAUSE IT WAS BLEEDING.
NECKLACE. I FOUND IT, AND HAD IT DELIVERED HERE. TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU.
THEN, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.
THAT'S ENOUGH. YOU MAY GO HOME NOW.
ポト
POP
OH!
YOU LIKE SAPPHIRES, DON'T YOU? THOUGH I THINK EMERALD WOULD SET OFF YOUR EYES.
BUT I WANTED IT FOR MY BLUE-EYED WIFE.
YES, SAPPHIRE WOULD SUIT YOU BEST. A BLUE STONE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT GIFT!
CHIHAYA
LORD RAPHAEL!
SLAM
It's chocolate
HUH?
BLOODY WHAT?
YOU SEEM IN GOOD HEALTH NO BLOODY CALLUSES ON YOUR TOES?
NEVER MIND SO, WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING MORE USEFUL WHEN YOU START CLASSES
HUH?
THAT WAS JUST A PRESENT FOR THE CEREMONY
That giant chocolate amused me
THE PLACE WAS SO BIG, I GOT LOST!
THE PROFESSORS SEEMED PRETTY STRICT
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WERE BEAUTIFUL!
WELL
FIRST I HAD THE ENROLLMENT CEREMONY FOR SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

OH! AND THEN
I MET A GUY NAMED KAGE-TSUYA
WHAT DID YOU THINK OF HIM?
OH-HO
YOU MET KAGE-TSUYA?
WELL
AND SMART HE'S BEEN AT THE TOP OF HIS CLASS FOR THREE YEARS STRAIGHT
I AGREE HE'S QUITE HAND-SOME
ガーン
OH! HE'S A REALLY PRETTY GUY!
♡
LORD RAPHAEL?
ARE YOU NOT STAYING FOR DINNER?
NO

PLEASE COME VISIT US SOME TIME
YOU AND GABRIEL WILL BOND
HAVE A GOOD EVEN NG, THEN
GABR EL'S WAITING SO I WANT TO SHOW HER THE NECKLACE AS SOON AS I CAN
THANK YOJ' I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET HER!
HA HA I'LL SEE YOJ TOMOR- ROW THEN
?
YES, SHE'S MY WIFE AND A VERY KIND WOMAN
LADY GABRIEL ?

Y-YES, MA'AM
But I was born this way.
THE SOAP IS ROSE-SCENTED BECAUSE THE MASTER FAVORS IT.
YES, MA'AM!
You're all but a
You'll be bathing ahead of time
I PRESUME YOU WILL BE DINING WITH THE MASTER?
THEN MAKE YOURSELF PRESENTABLE!
AND MIND YOJR MANNERS!
YES.
LADY GABRIEL!
LADY GABRIEL!

KAGE-TSUYA?
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER, M'LADY
BUT LORD KAGETSUYA HAS COME TO PAY YOU A VISIT!
YES? WHAT IS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?
WHY, IT'S BEEN AGES!
HOW CRUEL OF HIM TO STAY AWAY SO LONG
HE'S BROUGHT YOU A GORGEOUS SAPPHIRE NECKLACE!

KAGETSUYA! WELCOME!
WHAT A MESS.
AND WE NOW HAVE TWO?
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OVER IN QUITE A WHILE!
IT'S FINE
TWO IS JUST TWICE AS BEAUTIFUL
IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME
ズキ
THROB
WELCOME BACK, DARLING
AREN'T YOU GOING TO KISS ME GOOD EVENING?
IT'S BEEN A TIME, LADY GABRIEL
IT'S BEEN A LONG KAGETSUYA

NO YOU ARE THE BEAUTIFUL ONE
SO HANDSOME
EVEN WITHOUT ADORN-MENT
WELL, YOU CAN HAVE THIS ONE..
AND I'LL KEEP THIS ONE
ER, NO -- IT'S FROM MY FATHER I'M JUST THE MESSEN-GER
OH, IS THIS ONE FROM YOU, KAGETSJYA?
I'M DELIGHTED! PLEASE GIVE MY BEST REGARDS TO THE DUKE!
OH, WE HAVE A MATCHING SET NOW! HOW LOVELY!

YOU NEVER CAME BY EVEN AFTER YOU SAID YOU WOULD, KAGETSUYA
MY MOST SINCERE APOLOGIES, MILADY I'VE BEEN KEPT BUSY
OH? AND JUST HOW DID THAT GO?
I WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CEREMONY TODAY
WELL ENOUGH
I BAKED A PEACH CAKE, BUT IT'S A BIT OF A DISASTER

I HEARD YOU MET WITH LORD MICHAEL'S CHILD, CHIHAYA
HUH?
W-WELL I HAD THE CAR ALREADY, SO-
HE TOLD ME HE FOUND YOU STUNNING
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIM?
OH! THAT-- THAT LITTLE SPARROW?
YOU ESCORTED HIM HOME, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN
?
N-NOTHING SPECIAL
I--
HE'S UNIQUE!
I FIND HIS BLACK HAIR AND EYES QUITE ATTRACTIVE

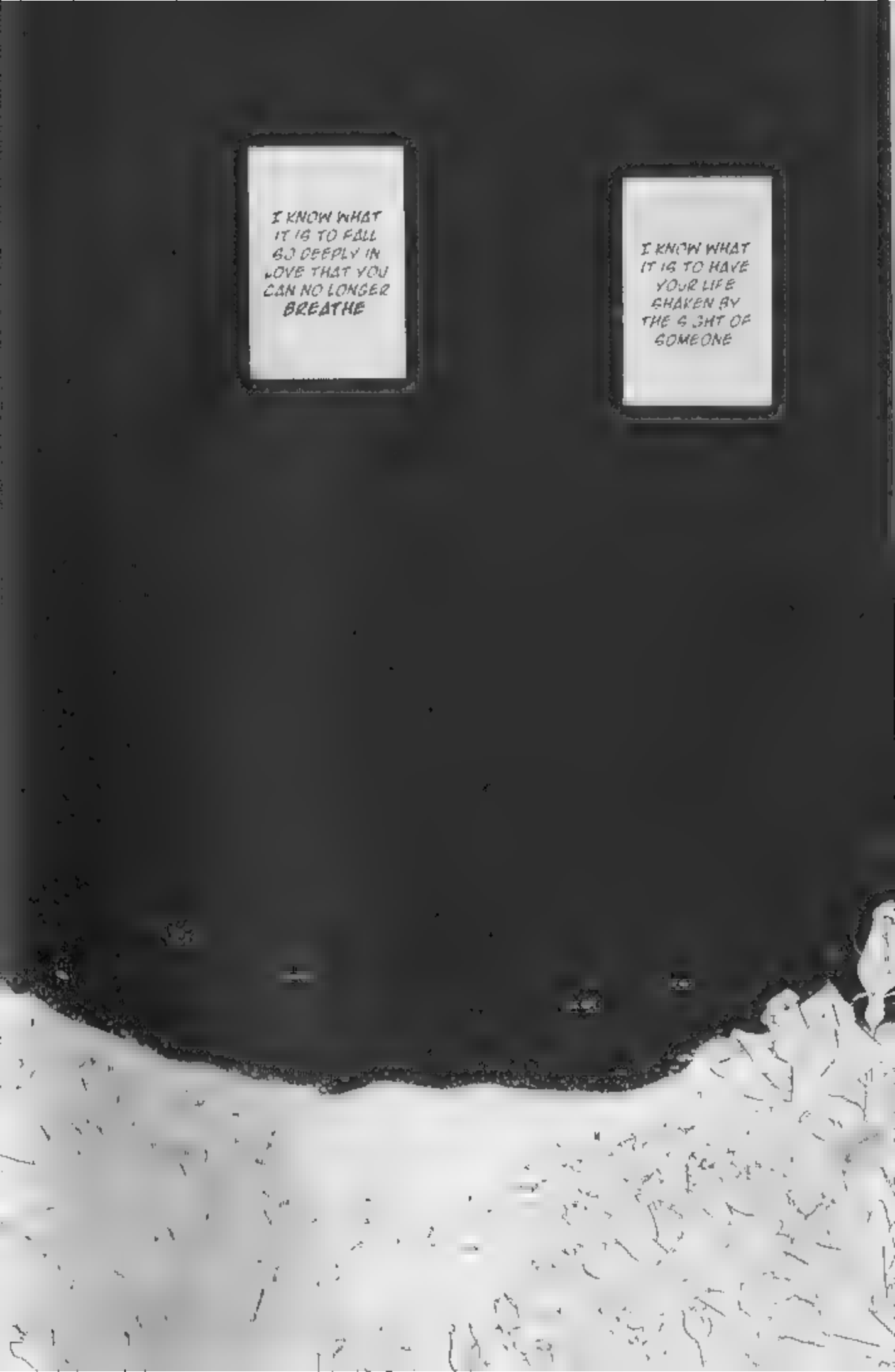
THIS NECKLACE IS ALMOST UNIQUE
ONLY FIVE HAVE BEEN CRAFTED ON EDEN
HMPH
Heh heh
I ONLY WEAR SAPPHIRES, YOU KNOW
I LOOKED FOR ONE FOR YEARS, AND FAILED!
BUT TO END UP WITH TWO? WHAT A TREAT!
SEVEN-TEEN
HOW OLD WILL YOU BE, KAGE-TSUYA?
Go on Lord Raphael laugh Condescend But
Heh
RAPHAEL LIKES IT DON'T YOU, DARLING?

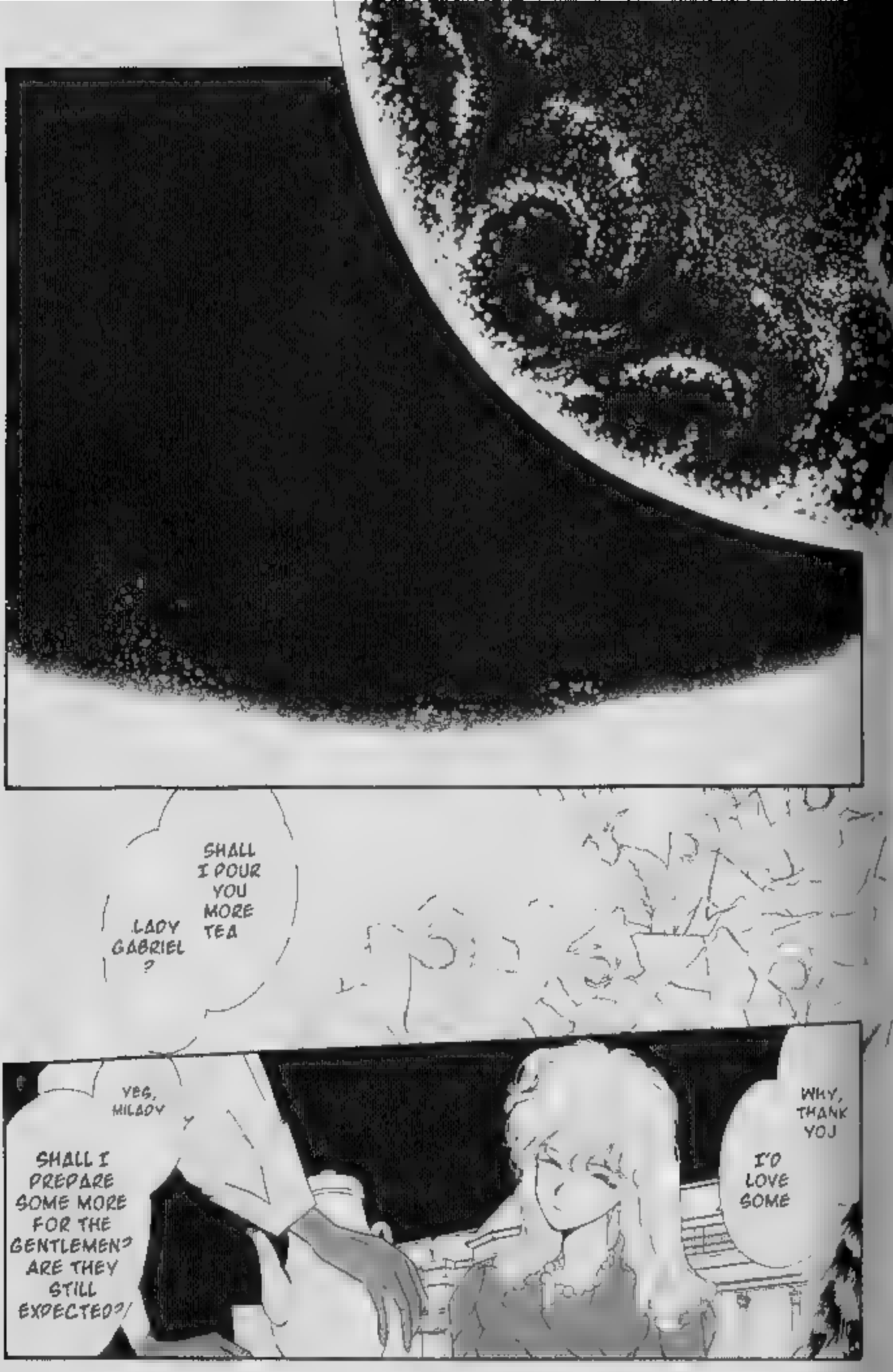
IF YOU CAN'T MARRY THE ONE YOU LOVE, ANYONE WILL DO.
NO, THAT'S FOR MY FATHER TO DECIDE
BUT
. I SAID RIGHT NOW ..
WHAT IF..
AH THEN YOU KNOW
ARE YOU CONSIDERING MARRIAGE?
THAT'S VERY PASSION-ATE
. WAS SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO YOU?
...THAT THE ONE I LOVE
LORD RAPHAEL?
WOULD YOUR FACE LOSE ITS COMPOSURE, ITS MIRTH

THE OPPOSITION OF A HUMAN HEART..

THE HEART IS A SECRET GARDEN THAT NOBODY KNOWS.
THE OPPOSITION OF A HUMAN HEART
AGAINST ITSELF.
WHAT A GORGEOJS MOON
IT IS
IT TRULY IS

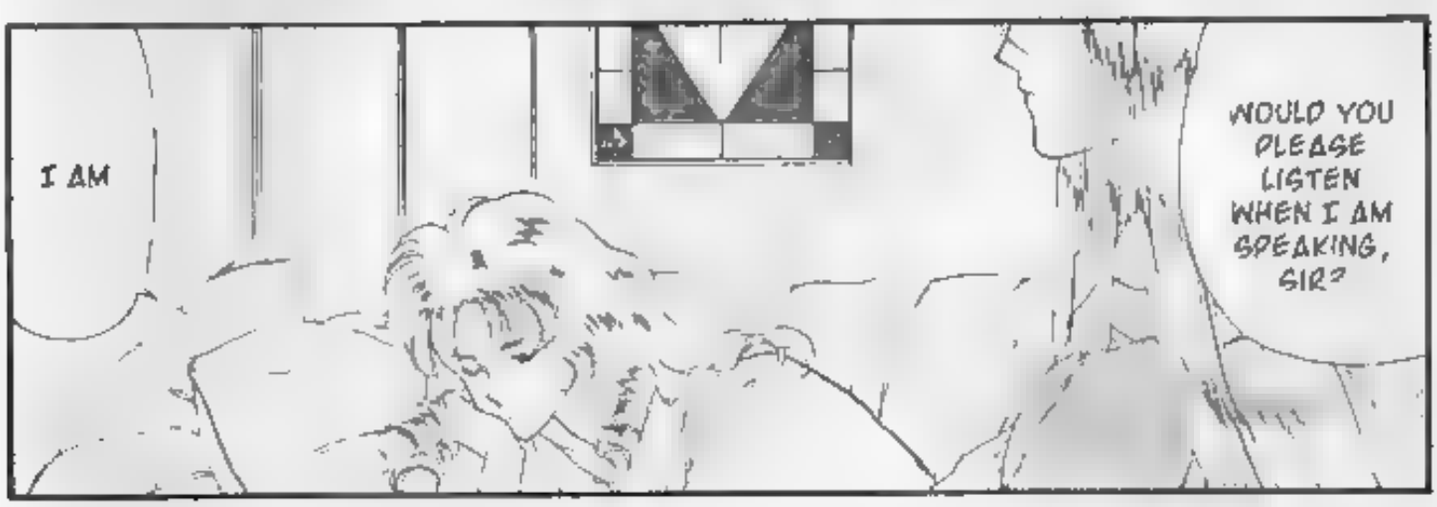
SECRET GARDEN 2


I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO FALL SO DEEPLY IN LOVE THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER BREATHE
I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE YOUR LIFE SHAKEN BY THE SIGHT OF SOMEONE


SHALL I POUR YOU MORE TEA
LADY GABRIEL ?
YES, MILADY
SHALL I PREPARE SOME MORE FOR THE GENTLEMEN? ARE THEY STILL EXPECTED?/
WHY, THANK YOU
I'D LOVE SOME

I'M SURE IT'S JUST BUSINESS
QUITE UNGENTLE-MANLY, IF I MAY SAY, TO LEAVE A YOUNG LADY WAITING
AH, YOU KNOW AS MUCH AS I RAPHAEL AND LORD MICHAEL ARE AWFULLY LATE

LORD MICHAEL
THE ISSUE OF YOUR LIFE CYCLE
AND LAST ON THE TO-DO LIST


I AM
WOULD YOU PLEASE LISTEN WHEN I AM SPEAKING, SIR?

HE'S DAYDREAMING AGAIN IT MUST BE BAD AGAIN
AS I WAS SAYING
IN FOUR YEARS, YOU'LL BE RELOCATED BY VALHALLA
PART OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET HAS TO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR YOUR NEW ADOPTED SON--
OH. .
ABOUT THE ADOP-TION
I'VE DECIDED NOT TO TAKE KAGE-TSUYA.
DO SOME-THING TO UPSET YOU?
DID KAGE-TSUYA
MIGHT I ASK WHY?
HERE I COME-?

I'M SURE
HE HAS NEVER CAUSED ANY PROB-LEMS
NOT AT ALL
HE'S DONE NOTHING OF THE SORT
HIS PEDIGREE AND GRADES ARE IMPEC-CABLE
AND HE'S QUITE HANDSOME
HE'S EMOTIONALLY IMMATURE, BUT TIME WILL SMOOTH OUT HIS TENDENCY TOWARD DRAMA
THEN WHAT ABOUT HIM DISSATISFIES YOU?

JUST WHAT ARE YOU MAKING EXCUSES FOR?
THESE AREN'T EXCUSES!
I CAN'T SINGLE HIM OUT BECAUSE OF HIS FAMILY CONNEC-TIONS
AND GRADES DON'T CONCERN ME
YOU'VE GOT STRANGE TASTE
AND I'VE NEVER CARED FOR LOOKS, NOT THE WAY YOU DO..
I'M NOT DISSATIS-FIED
HE'S THE MOST SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR AN HEIR.
MILITARY LEADERSHIP IS BASED ON ACHIEVE-MENT NOT LEGACY
SO THERE IS NO NEED FOR AN HEIR
YES I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE, BUT

I'M UNCONVINCED
JUST WHAT IS IT?
I'M NOT MAKING EXCUSES!
AND I DON'T HAVE A REASON!
THEN IF YOU HAVE NO COMPLAINTS
WHY DON'T YOU WANT KAGETSUYA?
WHY IS HE BEING SO STUBBORN?
GRR...
HE'S OBSTINATE BY NATURE, BUT
OH!
PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE

THE YOUNG KAGE-TSUYA
RESEMBLES HER IN A WAY, HM?
NO!
HE DOESN'T RESEMBLE HER THAT MUCH
AND I WOULDN'T CALL KAGETSUYA'S FACE FEMININE, EXACTLY
BUT THEY BOTH HAVE THOSE BLUE EYES

YES, MILADY?
DID YOU KNOW?
LAST NIGHT, I WAS TALKING WITH RAPHAEL, AND
LORD KAGE-TSUYA?
. DO YOJ THINK THAT KAGETSUYA LOOKS A BIT LIKE SOMEONE WE KNOW?
NO! STOP IT!
THAT'S NOT THE REASON!

OF COURSE
HE AND THE DUKE USED TO VISIT MORE FREQUENTLY, THOUGH
YES!
YOU KNOW KAGETSUYA
I SHOULD STAY SILENT, MILADY
CAN YOU GUESS?
WHO DOES HE LOOK LIKE?
WELL?
WHAT? MY DEAR, YOU MAY SPEAK FREELY!
IT HAS TO DO WITH THEIR BUILD, OR THAT COLD FEELING THEY BOTH GIVE OFF AT FIRST
YES! I REALIZED TOO AFTER RAPHAEL TOLD ME!
IT'S LADY LUCIFEL.
I'M SORRY, MILADY, BUT I SIMPLY HAVE NO IDEA

YOU KEPT ME WAITING FOREVER!
ARE YOU FINISHED WITH WORK?
YES
SORRY WE'RE SO LATE, GABRIEL
HONEY!
HUH?
UH NOTHING AT ALL WHY DO YOU ASK?
LORD MICHAEL?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

OH
OH, THAT
A BIT OF A TUSSLE OVER WORK, YOU KNOW
OH, JUST
JUST NOW, YOU DIDN'T SEEM LIKE YOURSELF
WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT?
NOW'S NOT THE TIME
BUT WHY NOT? YOU SAID THEY LOOKED ALIKE--
OH, BY THE WAY, LORD MICHAEL' JUST LAST NIGHT, RAPHAEL WAS SAYING--
LET'S NOT BRING THAT UP, GABRIEL DEAR
IT'S A MATTER BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE
NOTHING THAT YOU SHOULD CONCERN YOURSELF WITH

THEN YOU'D BETTER CONSIDER GETTING MARRIED SOON
IF YOU'RE FEELING LEFT OUT
WHAT'S THAT FACE FOR?
I WILL NOT MARRY
THAT SENTIMENT COULD GET YOU IN TROUBLE, SIR
SO I'LL NEVER MARRY
THERE IS SOMEONE TO WHOM I WAS NEVER ABLE TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS
IT'S A SECRET
SOMEONE WHO?

THE SECRET GARDEN ..

..THAT IS A MAN'S HEART

If the flowers within that garden blossom beautifully and truly
there would be no reason to hide them
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A CUP OF TEA?
OH! I'LL GET OUT THE QUEEN'S BAVAROIS CANDY!
THE SEASON'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR STRAWBERRIES

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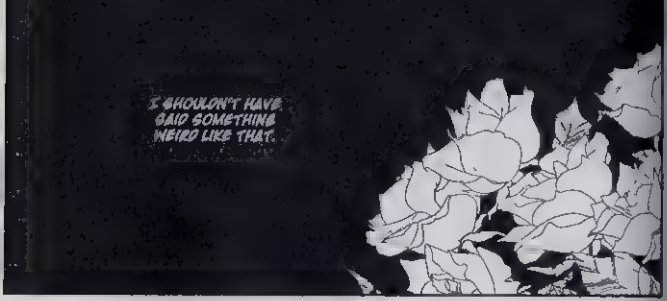
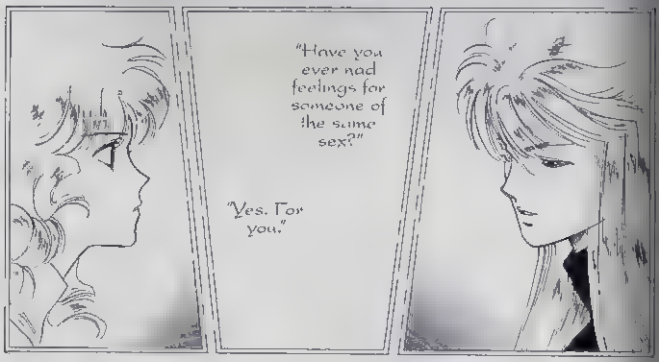
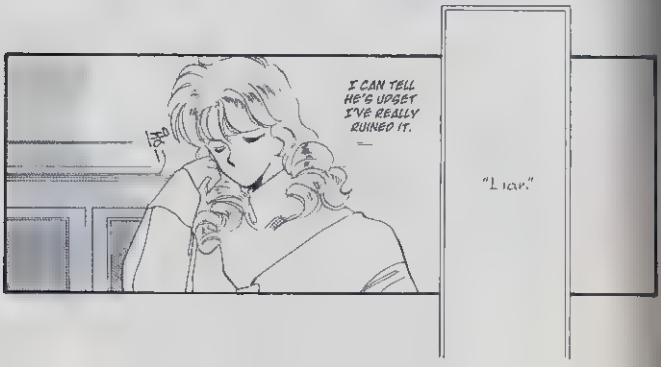
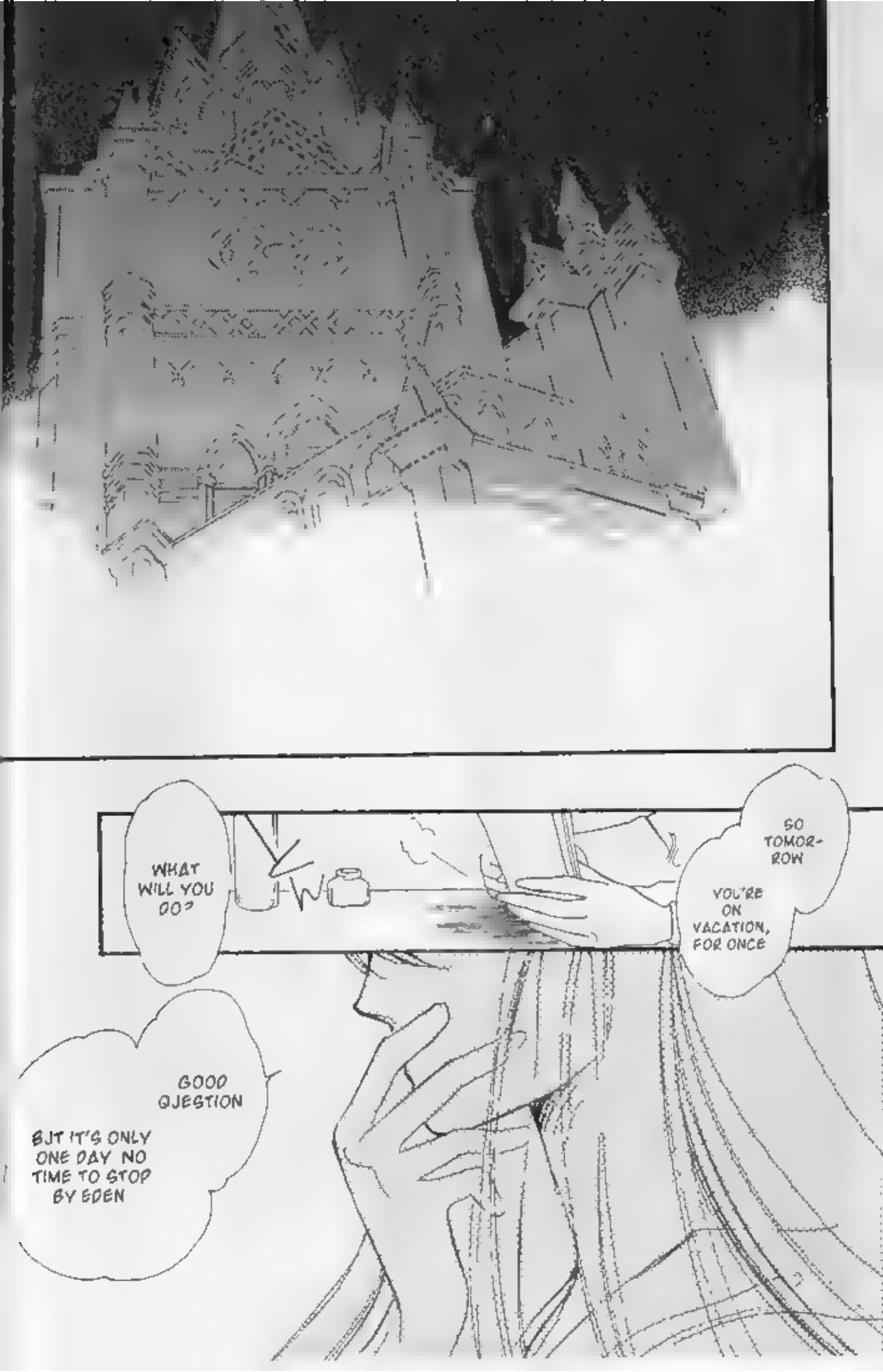
Next time he's a cane or he and you can't throw my arms around you. That's al


I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID SOMETHING WEIRD LIKE THAT.


"Have you ever had feelings for someone of the same sex?"
"Yes. For you."


I CAN TELL HE'S UPSET I'VE REALLY RUINED IT.
"Liar."

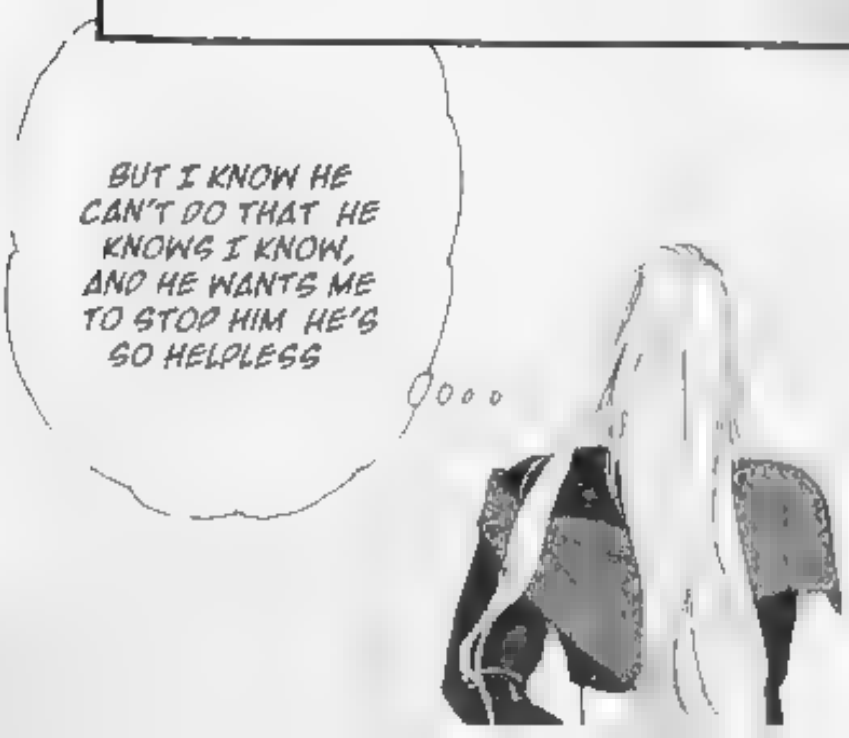

WHAT WILL YOU DO?
GO TOMOR-ROW
YOU'RE ON VACATION, FOR ONCE
GOOD QJESTION
BJT IT'S ONLY ONE DAY NO TIME TO STOP BY EDEN

Hare
I'VE ALSO GOT THE DAY OFF TOMORROW
WELL, ISN'T THAT CONVENIENT NOW YOU HAVE TIME TO FOCUS ON CHIHAYA
I WAS SIMPLY THINKING OF GETTING AROUND TO THAT BOOK I NEVER FINISHED
I'D LIKE TO TAKE IT EASY TOMORROW, AT LEAST
. WILL BE OJT NEXT WEEK.
KEEP IN MIND THAT THE RESULTS OF THE DISSOLUTION OF CHIHAYA AND KAGETSUYA'S PARTNERSHIP
ARE YOU REFUSING MY INVITATION?
DON'T AVOID THE SUBJECT

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
SORRY, I REALLY WANT TO FINISH THAT BOOK
JUST STOP AND THINK ABOUT IT!
NEVER ONE REQUEST I WOULD DENY
WAS THERE EVER A WISH OF YOURS THAT I COULDN'T FULFILL?

IF, THAT IS, YOU HAD A REAL WISH TO ASK OF ME
THERE IS NO REASON FOR YOUR INVITE AND I DON'T WANT YOUR PERMISSION!

BUT A SIMPLE INVITATION? ONE MEAGER DAY? DON'T THINK YOU CAN SO EASILY WOO ME WITH THAT!
IF YOU WANTED ME TO BE WITH YOU, I WOULD STAY BY YOUR SIDE NO MATTER WHAT


BUT I KNOW HE CAN'T DO THAT HE KNOWS I KNOW, AND HE WANTS ME TO STOP HIM HE'S SO HELPLESS
Oooo
IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE, THEN DO IT YOURSELF!

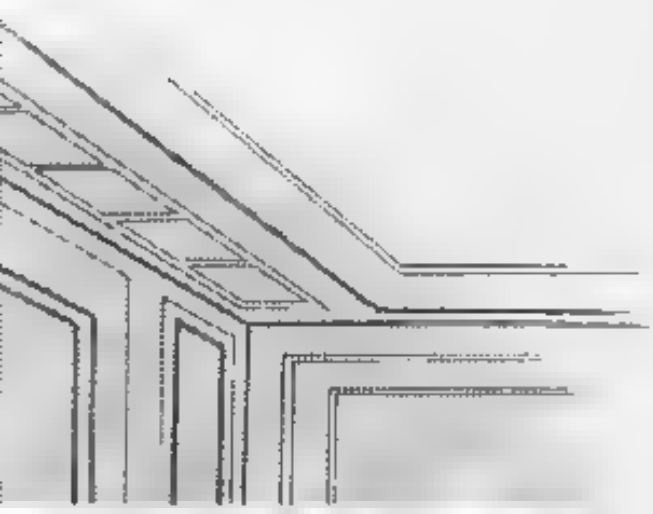
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
CLICK
IT'S RAPHAEL
WHAT IS IT?

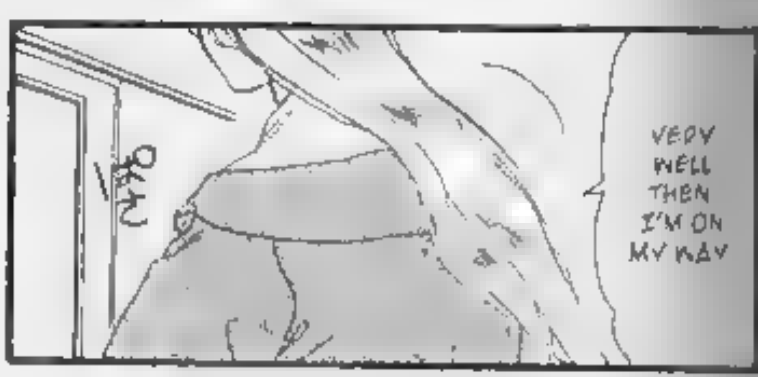
LORD M CH- AEL'S
BEEN INJURED?

THEN HAVE THE MEDICAL TEAM DEAL WITH IT
WHAT HAS THAT FOOL DONE?

JUST WHAT IS ALL THE COMMOTION ABOUT?

SIR
WHAT?
YES OF COURSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHY
HE WON'T LET THEM TOUCH HIM

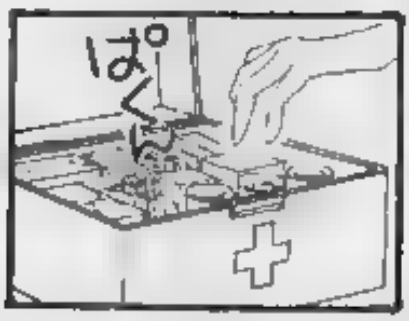



VERY WELL THEN I'M ON MY WAY

LORD MICH-AEL!
BLOOD
THAT MUST HURT IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME WHY YOU HAVEN'T HAD SOMEONE COME TO ATTEND TO IT
OF COURSE IT HURTS!!
I WAS SHARPENING MY PENCILS WITH THE CUTTER WHEN--
HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

THAT DOESN'T MATTER! I CUT MYSELF!
HE DID THIS ON PURPOSE
BUT EVERYONE KNOWS YOU DON'T NORMALLY USE A PENCIL, MY LORD
NO!
YES, SIR!
MED TEAM GET OVER HERE
OW! OH, IT HURTS! IT HURTS!
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A THREAT?!
!!
LOOK AT ALL THIS BLOOD!
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
IF THEY TREAT ME, I'LL USE THE CUTTER AGAIN
VR =!

IT HURTS
I SAID IT HURTS! AREN'T YOU LISTENING?




PLEASE LEAVE US I'LL TEND TO THIS MYSELF

OW!

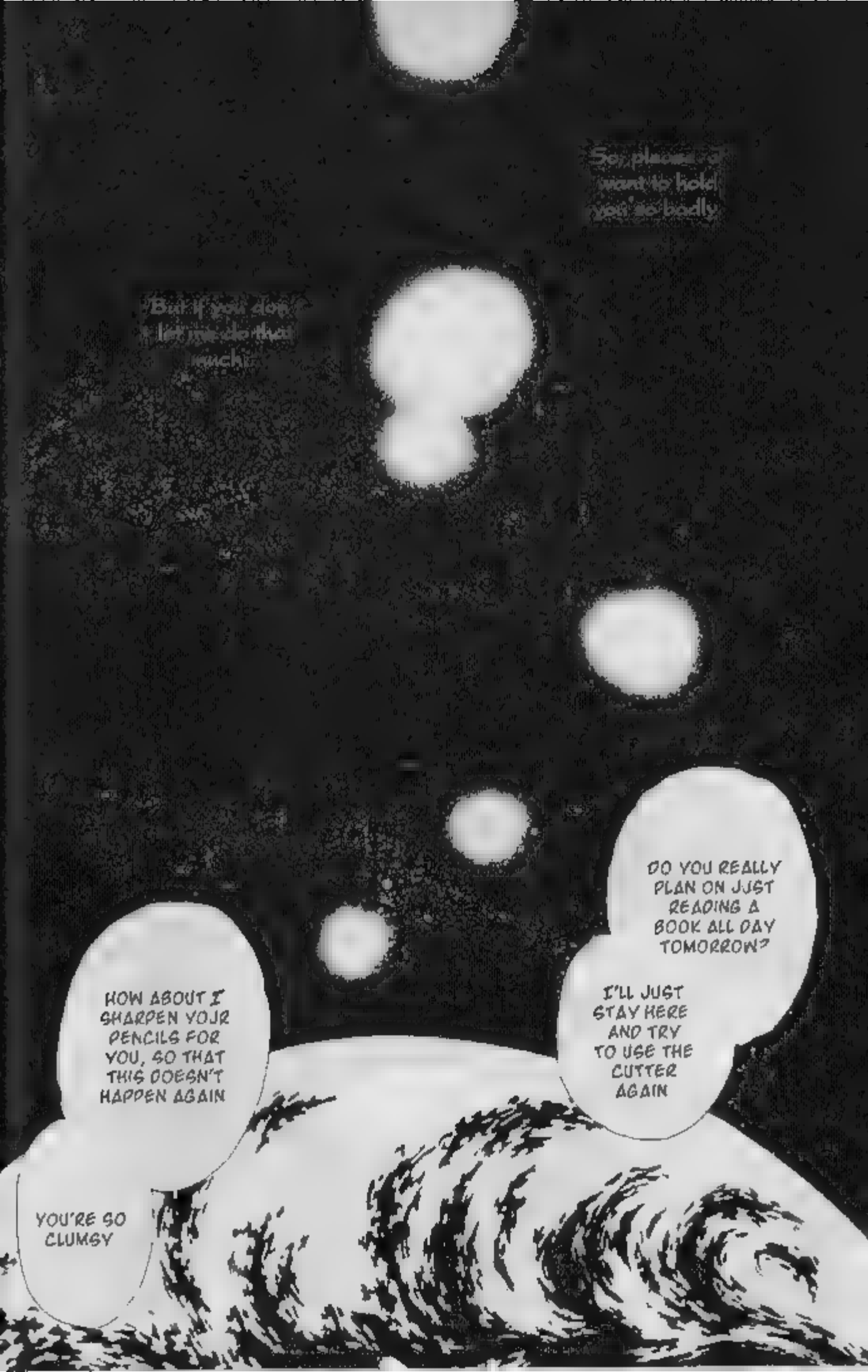
OW

SPARE ME THE COMMENTS

HOW *CLUMSY* OF YOU, MY LORD

*HOW INVOLVED IN THIS I'VE BECOME.*

*I CAN'T BELIEVE*


So, please, I want to hold you so badly
But if you don't let me do that much
DO YOU REALLY PLAN ON JJST READING A BOOK ALL DAY TOMORROW?
I'LL JUST STAY HERE AND TRY TO USE THE CUTTER AGAIN
HOW ABOUT I SHARPEN YOJR PENCILS FOR YOU, SO THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN
YOU'RE SO CLUMSY

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*N. T. Jke is a Japanese term meaning corn. It also refers to the bottom of a pot or kettle.

REALLY?
I HOPE THAT'S THE CASE

I KNEW HE'D BE ASLEEP
YOU HOLD A STAR IN YOUR HEART
AND WHAT I WISH TO SEE IS NOT THE MILLIONS OF BRIGHT STARS IN THE SKY, BUT YOUR SMALL ONE

SECRET GARDEN 5

TRES-PASSING? LUCIFEL!
I THOUGHT YOU'D COME, BUT
GO ON, RAPHAEL SCREAM FOR IT
IF YOU'RE AFRAID TO FACE ME ALONE, THEN WHY NOT CALL FOR BACK UP?

"LUCIFEL"
A FEMININE NAME
FOR THE DEVIL
I HEARD THAT YOJ
LEFT BEHIND A NEWBORN BABY AT THE MARQUIS SAKURA HOUSEHOLD
WHOSE CHILD IS IT?

A WOMAN, NOT A MAD BITCH
I'M NO CRIMINAL
YOU WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME, IF ONLY YOU WERE A WOMAN
JEALOUS?
YOU KNOW WHOSE IT IS
EVENTUALLY, YOU'LL COMMIT A CRIME
I'M SURE OF IT
YOU WILL BE

UTTER NON-SENSE
NOW GET OUT OF HERE, BEFORE I REPORT YOU
JUST HEAR ME OUT
AND THEN YOU'LL NEVER, EVER
HAVE TO SEE ME AGAIN
DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME WE MET?

I HATED YOU EVER SINCE THAT DAY.
I HATED YOU EQUALLY
HOW COULD I FORGET?
THAT SPRING, WE...

...HAD JUST ENTERED MILITARY SCHOOL

JUST SOME UGLY, GLOOMY DORK
I BET HE'S JUST SOME DORK WHO DOES NOTHING BUT STUDY ALL DAY
I HEAR HE'S NOBILITY
WHAT'S HE LIKE?
DO YOU KNOW MICHAEL? HE'S THE ONE SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY
SO, MICHAEL, I HEARD YOU'RE THE REPRESENTATIVE
I THOUGHT THE SAME
WOW!
YES.
I WAS SO SURE YOU'D BE THE REPRESENTATIVE, RAPHAEL

I KNEW IT YOU'RE THE BEST FOR THE JOB
NAH, I WAS JUST LUCKY
I HEARD THERE'S AN AMAZING STUDENT THIS YEAR WONDER IF WE'LL BECOME FRIENDS

CURLY, HONEY-BLOND HAIR.
HEY, DID YOU JUST SEE THAT GUY?
HE HAD THE MOST AMAZING PLATINUM-BLOND HAIR!
EMERALD EYES, AND BOY, WAS HE TALL!

IS HE NEW TOO
HE LOOKED REALLY COOL
I SHOULD TRY AND TALK TO HIM.
NO WAY HE'S NOT NOBILITY
WHY OTHER WITH--

THAT WAS MICHAEL
THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME

I FELT IT THE MOMENT I SAW HIM.

HE WAS A LAID-BACK SON OF NOBILITY
..AND EASY TO APPROACH
. ALL HIS FRIENDS WERE PRIVILEGED-CLASS SNOBS.
HOW-EVER ..
I WOULD HAVE TO SILENCE THEM WITH MY ACCOMP-LISHMENTS.
I HAD THE CONFI-DENCE
AND SOON IT WAS NATURAL FOR ME TO BE ALWAYS AT HIS SIDE
WITHIN TWO MONTHS, I'D ACHIEVED BEST FRIEND STATUS
MICHAEL
I'M WARNING YOU FOR YOUR OWN GOOD

WHY NOT?
YOU'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND W TH THAT RAPHAEL CHARACTER AN AWFUL LOT
WHY ?!
I DON'T LIKE IT
HE'S GOT A HORRIBLE REPUTATION, AND HE'S NOT ONE OF US.
そんな！
THIS FEELS GOOD.
MICH-AEL?
AH, HERE YOU ARE.
What a cutie
RAPHAEL'S A GOOD GUY' AND A GREAT FRIEND!
SO DON'T ATTACK HIM WITHOUT A GOOD REASON!

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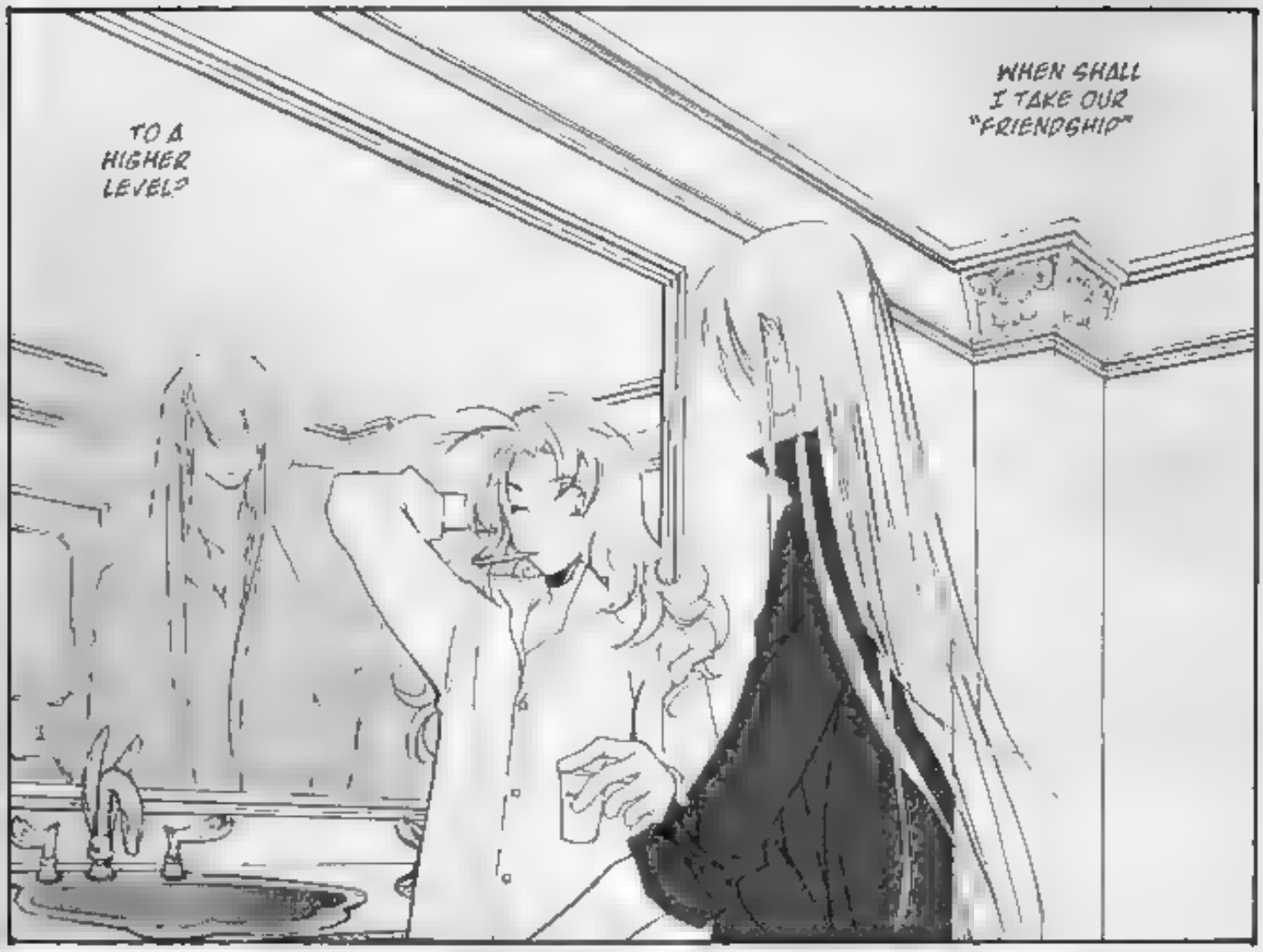
GREAT!
THANKS!
HERE'S THE MATERIAL YOU WERE LOOKING FOR
THEY JUST HAVE SO MUCH UNHEALTHY PRIDE
AH, YES.
WELL, I CAME HERE EXPECTING TO BE LOOKED DOWN UPON
BUT I MUST SAY I'M SURPRISED
NEARLY HALF OF THE STUDENT BODY IS MADE UP OF ARISTOCRATS
REGULAR CITIZENS ONLY ENTER THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS
REALLY?
NOW THEN
WHAT?
SAYING THAT JUST DEMONSTRATES HOW KIND YOU ARE
BUT I SHOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE
BY WHAT?




ALWAYS KNOW AS THE GREATEST OBSTACLE IN MY LIFE MUST BE JUST AROUND THE CORNER IT WAS JUST BEFORE OUR SUMMER VACATION WHEN IT APPEARED

IT'S A GIFT TO BE AWARE OF BLISS WHEN YOU'RE IN IT AND I SAW THOSE SWEET MONTHS FOR WHAT THEY WERE

MY TWIN SISTER'S COMING HOME FROM HER BOARDING SCHOOL
OH
SO, SHE'LL BE HERE ALL SUMMER?
YUP
SHE'S NOT "COMING HOME" SO MUCH AS SHE WAS "KICKED OUT"
EXCUSE ME
I FIGURED IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME, BUT
IT WAS AFTER ONLY THREE MONTHS. MY PARENTS ARE PRETTY DISAPPOINTED IN HER
HER NAME IS LUCIFEL?
YUP
SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL GIRL
7"
4
7"
4
I TRIED TO WARN THEM
LUCIFEL HATES THE TYPE
I MEAN, A PRIVATE ALL-GIRL'S SCHOOL?

I THOUGHT IT WAS AN ODD NAME
IF SHE'S YOUR TWIN, THEN I'M SURE SHE IS
AND JUST WHO ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU WANT TO ASK ME THE SAME THING
I'M THE DAUGHTER OF THE HOUSEHOLD JUST GOT IN
SO THIS IS LUCIFEL?
SO JUST HOW DID YOU BECOME FRIENDS WITH MICHAEL?
BUT IT'S AWFULLY RARE FOR MICHAEL TO BRING SOMEONE TO THE HOUSE DURING VACATION
WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU SEEM BRIGHT THE GOOD STUDENT, YES?
YOU MAY GO HOME NOW
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU NOW THAT I'M HERE
I BELIEVE THAT'S FOR MICHAEL TO DECIDE, MILADY

?!!
splash
IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU HOME!
IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME, TOO--
I MEAN, NO!
WHO IS THIS-- THIS CREEP?!
HUH??
RA--
RAPH-AEL?!
OH, M CH-AEL!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
LUCI-FEL!

I MISS-ED YOU, MICHAEL
LUCI-FEL
SHH
LU-
OH!
ぎゃ!?

...
I WOULDN'T WASTE MY TIME DUELING WITH A WOMAN
YOU CALL ME "LADY" ONE MORE TIME AND I'LL CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
.....
ピク

KNOCK IT OFF!
LUCIFEL!
TO HURT EACH OTHER MOST
EXACTLY HOW .
IT WAS LIKE WE KNEW.
I'M SORRY
LUCIFEL CAN BE OU TE VIOLENT
NOT AT ALL
WE WERE NATURAL ENEMIES
WHAT GOT INTO YOU?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOJ AT ALL
TO TEASE PEOPLE

I IMMEDIATELY FELT IT SHE'LL BE A NUISANCE AT LEAST
IT SEEMS SHE
DOESN'T LIKE TO ACCEPT THAT SHE'S A WOMAN

I FIGURED HER OUT IN NO TIME.
YOU'RE RIGHT
EVER SINCE SHE WAS A KID, SHE'S SAID THAT IT'S BORING TO BE A GIRL, AND THAT SHE WANTED TO BE A BOY

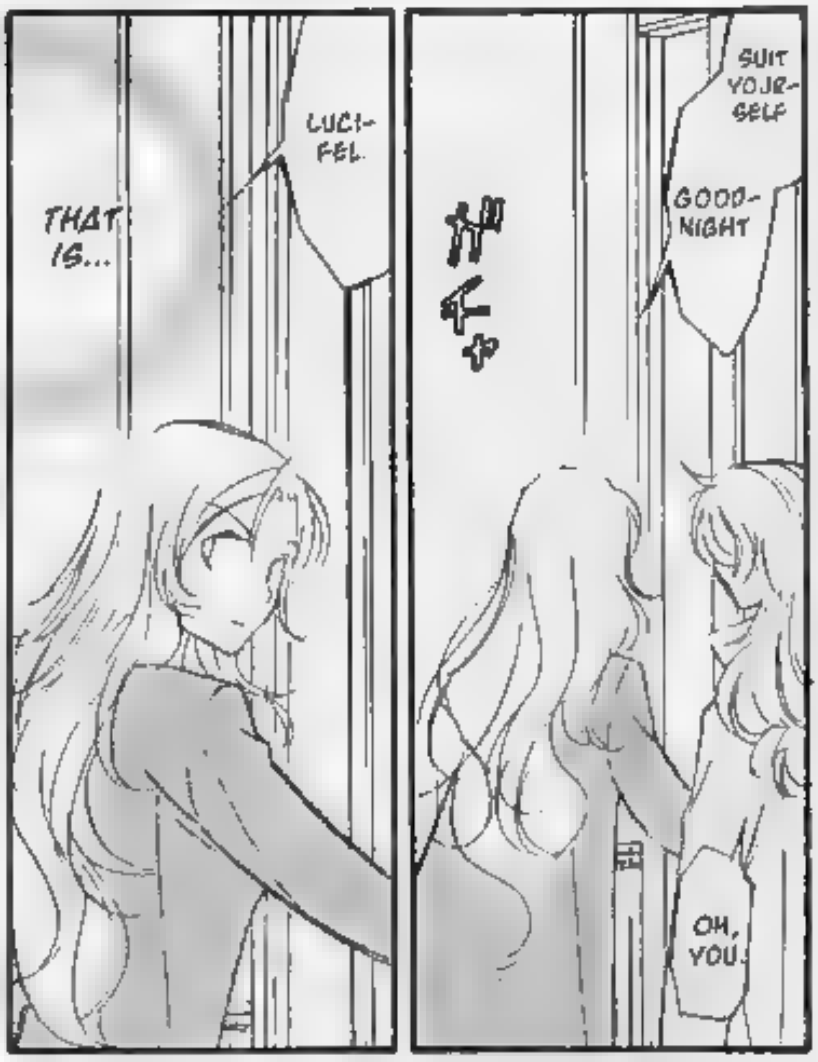
I THINK HER PARENTS WERE SCARED OF HER
MAYBE
DO YOU SUPPOSE IT ONLY FRUSTRATED HER MORE?
I DON'T THINK THAT WAS THE REAL REASON.

THAT'S WHY MY PARENTS PUT HER IN AN ALL-GIRL'S DORM
HOPING IT'D MAKE HER MORE LADYLIKE

WHAT ?
BEFORE THAT, LUCIFEL
I WANT TO YOU APOLOGIZE TO RAPHAEL FOR WHAT YOU DID THIS AFTERNOON
THOSE EYES
Oh ho.
SO HIS NAME'S RAPHAEL, HUH?
SORRY
PLEASE DON'T BE RUDE, LUCIFEL
ALL RIGHT, I APOLOGIZED
GOOD-NIGHT, RAPHAEL SEE YOU IN THE MORNING
NOW LET'S GO TO BED!
SHE DOESN'T SEE MICHAEL AS A BROTHER
MICH-AEL?
CAN I SLEEP WITH YOU?

MEANING. .
LUCIFEL
GOOD NIGHT, MICHAEL
SHE'S AN ADVERSARY
I CAN'T SLEEP WITHOJT YOU, MICHAEL!
NO!
MOTHER SAID SHE WE SHOULD STOP SLEEP NG TOGETHER BECAUSE WE'RE OLDER NOW
NN!
REALLY, LUCIFEL STOP BEING SO CHILD--
Ha!
Hm

...SEXUAL AFFECTION.




ANY MORE THAN THAT IS AGAINST THE LAW. WATCH OUT

FATE ?
IT'S NOT SO PRETTY
THAT WAS INCEST
BACK THEN, YOU SAID MY FATE
WAS A SIN
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU
IT'S A CRIME!
NO, IT'S NOT!

. THE EYES OF SOMEONE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH?
ARE THESE REALLY
HER EYES DON'T HAVE A SHADOW OF DOUBT IN THEM.
WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO PULL BACK?
BECAUSE THERE ARE NO CONSE-QUENCES
I'VE GOT SOME ADVICE FOR YOU, TOO
GO OUT AND TAKE WHAT YOU WANT
STOP THIS FOOLISH TALK.
AND EVEN GOD WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STOP ME.
WELL, I CAN'T.

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR ME TO REALIZE

FOR THAT MATTER, SHE WAS LIKE NO PERSON I'D EVER KNOWN BEFORE

LUCIFEL WAS LIKE NO WOMAN I'D EVER SEEN BEFORE.

THAT I HAD UNDER-ESTIMATED HER
YO! RAPH-AEL!
I BREEZED THROUGH THE ENTRANCE EXAM AND TRANSFERRED HERE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
"WHY"?
WHY?
SO YOU HEARD THE NEWS?
I HOPE WE GET ALONG
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!
WE'RE CLASS-MATES NOW!

BECAJSE I ALMOST KILLED MY PARENTS
...THAT I JUST CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT MICHAEL
BEING SEPARATED FROM HIM MADE ME UNDER-STAND
EITHER MICHAEL'S REALLY NAIVE, OR
I DO NOT! I'M SERIOJS!
YOU EXAGGER-ATE TOO MJCH, LUCIFEL
Boo
Boo
Boo
Boo
YOU MUST KNOW HOW I FEEL

RAPHAEL, I MAY NOT KNOW WHAT SORT OF LIFE YOU LEAD UP UNTIL NOW, BUT.
...THERE'S NOT ONE THING YOU CAN DO THAT I CAN'T
YOU SOUND PRETTY CONFI-DENT
MAY I TAKE THAT AS A CHALLENGE?
WHY, OF COURSE!
IT DIDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ME
WHAT?!
Hiss Hiss
UH, ACTUALLY I'M THE ONE WHO GOT CLOSE TO RAPHAEL
HA HA
HA HA
I'LL FIGHT OFF ANYONE WHO GETS TOO CLOSE TO MICHAEL

NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT SORT OF LIFE YOU LED UP UNTIL NOW, BUT.

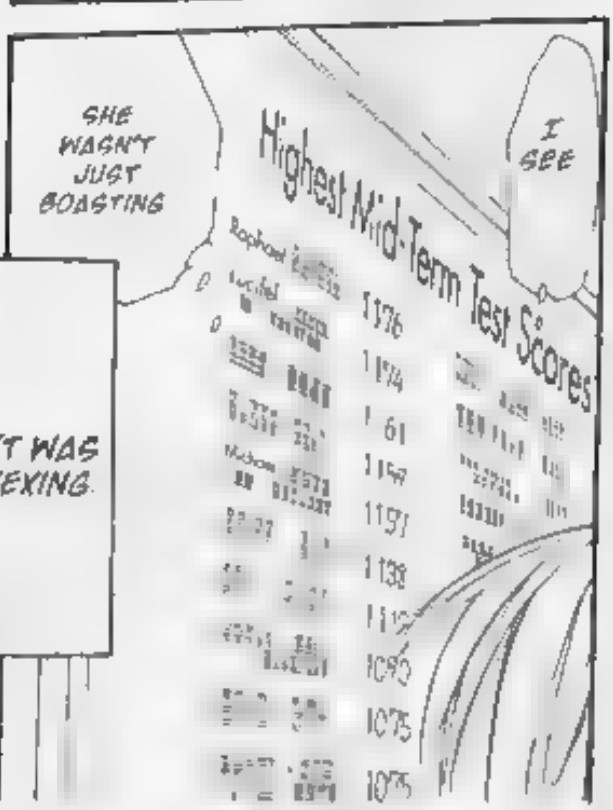
...I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT.

Will I be able to steal him away from you?

THOUGH LUCIFEL WAS JUST AS TALENTED

...AS SHE'D SAID

SHE WASN'T JUST BOASTING



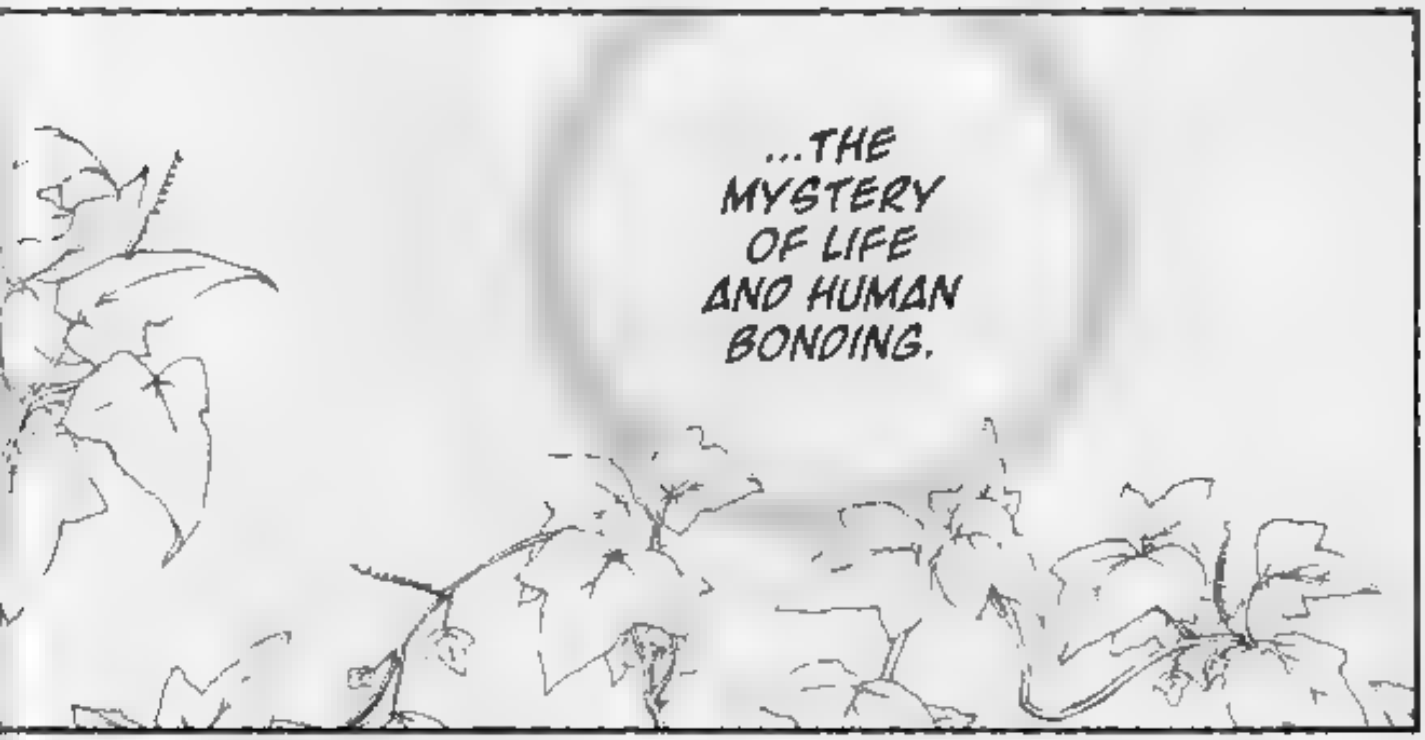

I SEE

IT WAS VEXING.

SHE WAS EVEN THE EQUAL OF THE MEN WHEN IT CAME TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
WHAT?!
YOU'RE JUST WEAK
YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT REALLY A GUY?
DANG! YOU'RE REALLY GOOD!
STOP THAT
Heh heh
GYAAAA!!
I'M A 75 D
WH-WH--?!

HAVE YOU NO COMMON SENSE, EVEN AS A WOMAN?
AND STOP TEASING THE OTHERS WHERE'S YOUR SHAME?
RAPHAEL JUST CALLED ME A WHORE!
OH MY.
RAPHAEL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BADMOUTH PEOPLE
I DID NOT SAY THAT.
DID I?
ONLY A VIRGIN OR A WHORE WOULD BE SO BRAZEN
HMM
I'LL GO WITH WHORE
DON'T GOT ANY

THEY SHARED A WOMB FOR NINE MONTHS, AFTER ALL...


...THE MYSTERY OF LIFE AND HUMAN BONDING.

PERHAPS...

ATTRACTION DEPENDS ON THE STRENGTH OF A MEMORY
I DON'T THINK LUCIFEL EVER WORE A SKIRT EVEN WHEN SHE WAS A LITTLE GIRL
HM?
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER? YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.
SHE ALWAYS WORE THE SAME CLOTHES AS ME PEOPLE THOUGHT SHE WAS MY TWIN BROTHER
AND WHEN SHE HAD TO DRESS UP-
MICH-AEL?
DON'T GO, RAPH-AEL.
STAY HERE
I'LL GE YOU SOMB ASPIRI

MICH-AEL?
I'M OKAY THIS ISN'T ME
THIS IS LUCIFEL'S PAIN
JUST HOLD ME A LITTLE.
I'LL BE FINE IN NO TIME
LUCIFEL, YOU OKAY? IS IT A COLD?
NO
I HAVE A FEVER
HFF
SHOULD I GET SOME MEDICINE FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE?
THANKS
SO EVEN THE MIGHTY LUCIFEL GETS SICK ONCE IN A WHILE, HUH?
KOFF!
HACK!
KOFF!

. I'LL BE FINE
EVEN I CAN CATCH A COLD
BUT .
BE-CAUSE MICHAEL
... SUF-FERS THE OTHER HALF.
LUC-IFEL.
LUE ...
ARE YOU A-SLEEP ?
MICH-AEL?

Can I steal him away?

Eek!
PLEASE, LUCIFEL! STOP!
WE'RE NOT "EQUALS!"
I'M ABOVE HIM!
BUT I'M JEALOUS, LUCIFEL, THAT YOU TIED WITH HIM
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, GABRIEL?
HM?
ME AND MICH-AEL?
NO ALL THREE OF YOU
BUT YOU'RE REALLY SO CLOSE
OH MY!
SAY THAT AGAIN AND I'LL STOP BEING YOUR BEST FRIEND
NOW LET'S GO!
YUP!
KNOCK IT OFF!
THE THREE OF US?!

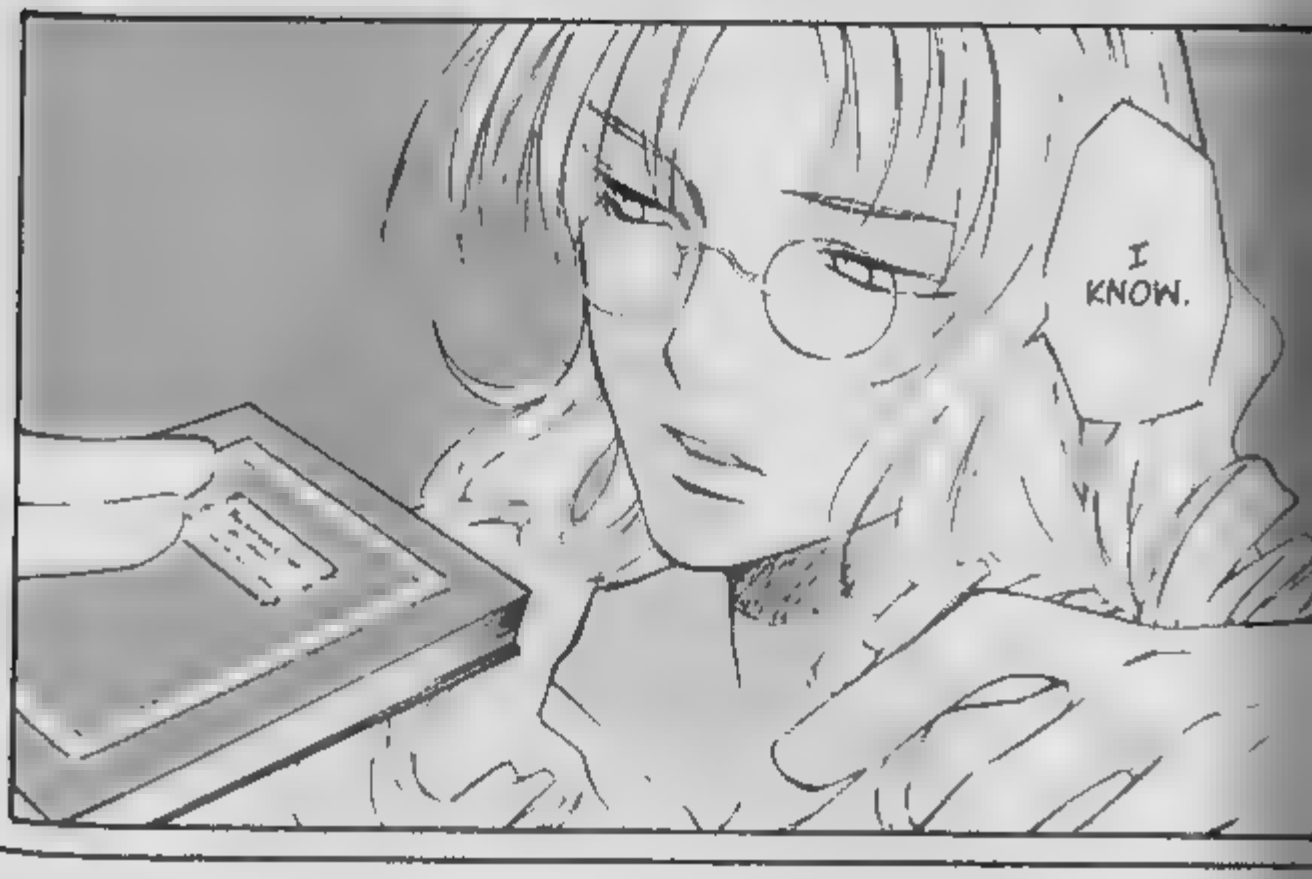
I THINK I MIGHT LIKE
FINE, SPIT IT OUT.
PLEA-SE?
I
LUCIFEL
LUCIFEL!
LISTEN
WHAT?

カプ
W
WELL
LIKE WHO?
NO!
I KNOW I DO!
YOU MEAN RAPHAEL?
DON'T SAY IT!
EEEK!
WHAT?
WHICH
HIM?
HIM.
HJH?

Bart
WE HAD THE EXACT SAME VALUES WHEN IT CAME TO MARRIAGE.
SO GABRIEL AND I STARTED DATING.
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT!
AND I WOULDN'T CALL THAT "LIKING" SOMEONE
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT HIM?
HE'S A VERY NICE BOY! RESPECTFUL!
HE'S THE PERFECT PARTNER TO MARRY AND HAVE KIDS WITH!

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW
YEAH I GUESS
IT IS OUR MISSION TO LEAVE DESCENDANTS FOR THE FUTURE
THAT'S NOT LOVE!
IT'S OUR DUTY TO BEAR CHILDREN
PERHAPS I SHOULD FIND A SUITABLE PARTNER FOR YOU AS WELL
OH?
THAT'S THE ONLY TIME WE CAN HAVE CHILDREN!
MATING SEASON DOESN'T LAST VERY LONG!
THERE YOU GO AGAIN PRETENDING IT'S NO BIG DEAL
NO THANKS

I'LL ONLY HAVE SEX WITH THE ONE I LOVE
I'LL DECIDE WHO I FALL IN LOVE WITH
SO IS INCEST.
Ha ha!
THAT'S RISKY LOVE
YOU KNOW HOMO-SEXUALITY IS PUNISH-ABLE BY DEATH
. YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE OF THE SAME SEX?
AND WHAT IF




I DIDN'T THINK I COULD EVER FORGIVE

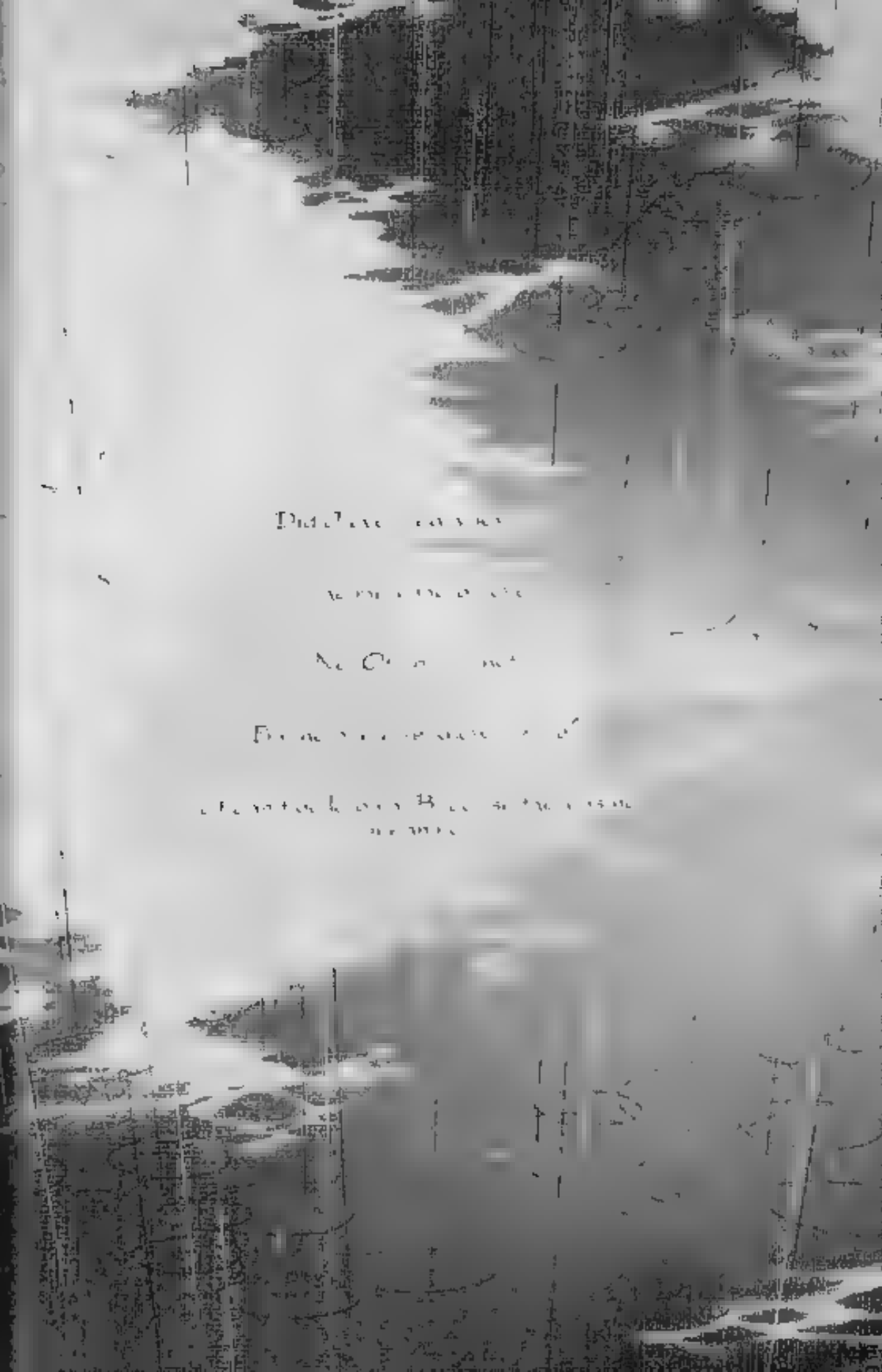
WHAT WAS GOING ON BETWEEN THOSE TWO TWINS

I THEN FOUND OUT THAT MICHAEL WAS PUTTING PRESSURE...

...ON THOSE WHO SHOWED ANY ATTRACTION TO LUCIFER.

WHILE PRETENDING NOTHING WAS GOING ON.

SECRET GARDEN 6



IS IT LORD WHEN YOU THINK THAT YOU MUST HOLD ON, AT ALL COSTS, NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME?

OR PERHAPS IT'S JUST THE BEAUTY OF A FACE

LORD RAPHAEL?
IS THERE SOMETHING THE MATTER?
NO
SOMETHING PLEASING TO GAZE UPON MAYBE THAT'S ALL IT IS

BETTER MAKE A RUN FOR IT
WHOA!
IT'S REALLY POURING
HEY THERE
GABRIEL
OH AND RAPHAEL
LUCIFEL!
YOU BETTER BE CAREFUL
WHEN YOU'RE AROUND HIM
MICHAEL'S GOT A COLD, RIGHT?

OH MY! THAT'S TERRIBLE
I KNOW
BE-CAUSE
HE AND I SHARE A SPECIAL BOND
I WON'T ALLOW IT.
A PERFECT LOVE?
TWINS SHARE.
SO IN OTHER WORDS

I'LL BE FINE
NO, YOU'LL GET WET, LUC FEL!
HERE, TAKE MY UMBRELLA I'LL BE OKAY
HERE YOU GO, LUE
HOW ABOUT YOU USE THIS ONE
WHY---
WHAT'S THE MATTER? GO AHEAD TAKE IT
LUE?
ドク

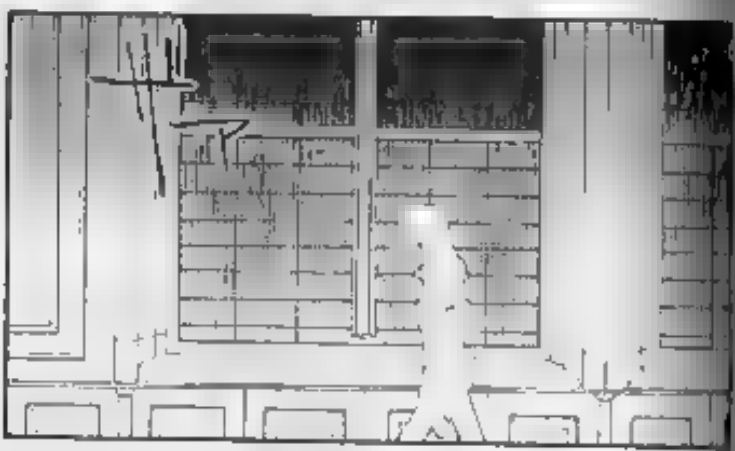
CAN'T YOU GUESS?
MICHAEL TOLD ME
KNOW THAT NAME?!
WHY DO YOU.
LORD RAPH AEL?
LUC - FEL?
WHY?

MICHAEL WOULD NEVER TELL YOU!
LIAR!
YOU LIAR! THAT'S NOT TRUE
YOU LIE!
HE WOULD NEVER TELL YOU!
THAT NAME IS ONLY BETWEEN US!

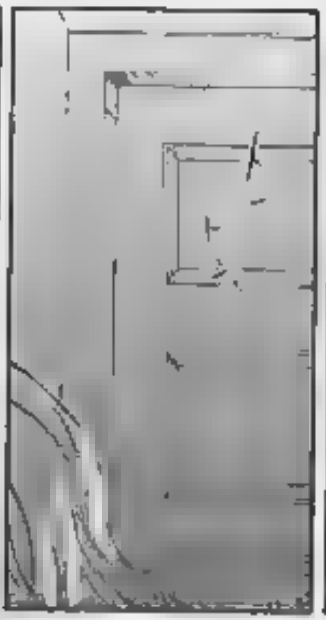
LORD RAPHAEL, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
HOW COULD YOU STAND BY WHILE SHE--
IT'S NOTHING!
BUT YOU'RE CRYING
LUCIFEL! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NO
LORD RAPHAEL!
LET GO
PLEASE! LET GO
NO! I'M NOT GOING!
SHE'LL BE FINE
I WON'T LEAVE LUCIFEL BEHIND!
LET'S GO
HUH?

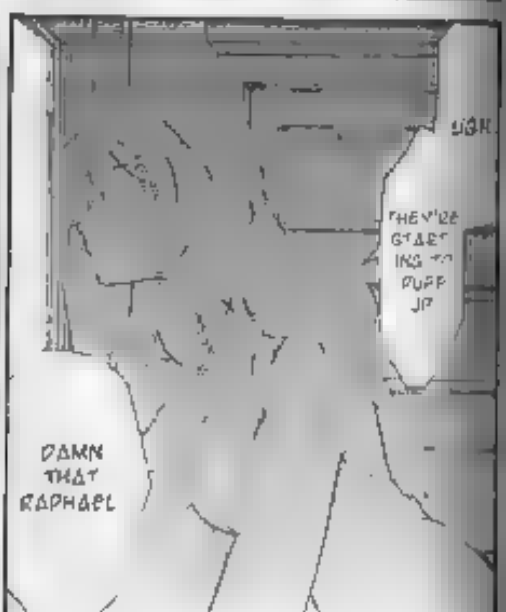
OH, LUCIFEL
LET GO OF HER RIGHT NOW
SHE SAID NO, GOT IT?
THAT WAS WHEN OUR HATRED TURNED INTO DESIRE
A SHARED DESIRE TO KILL THE OTHER

JUST A LITTLE
YOUR EYES -- WERE YOU CRYING?



YES?
WHO'S IT?
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE RIGHT NOW.




SIGH
THEY'RE STARTING TO PUFF UP
DAMN THAT RAPHAEL

LORD RAPHAEL PROPOSED TO ME
WHAT ?!
I
I'M SORRY
LUCI-FEL?
ARE YOU CRY-ING?
GAB-RIEL THAT YOU?
カチャ
WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?
I'M SO SORRY
BUT I

THEN WHY ARE YOU CRY-ING?
HIC
THANK YOU
TWO SUGARS
I PUT IN MILK AND
I'M SO SORRY, LUCIFEL.
YOU HAD PLANS TO GO BACK HOME OVER THE WEEKEND, RIGHT?
YEAH I GUESS, BUT IT'S SUCH A HASSLE
I'M STILL TORN ABOUT GOING OR NOT
PLUS MY EYES ARE PUFFY

NO
YOU CAN TELL ME IF YOU WANT
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK
WHAT HAPPENED?
I CAN'T DO THIS
I'M SORRY
I
I DID SAY THAT, BUT I'M SORRY.
BUT I THOUGHT THAT'S WHY YOU CAME

I KNOW IT'S BE-CAUSE
I'M SORRY
I
LUCIFEL THAT YOU LOVE
IT'S OKAY
YOU CAN'T HELP IT
PLEASE MARRY ME
I DON'T MIND AT ALL.
THAT WOULD BE BEST
AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T MARRY LUCIFEL ANYWAY

I'M GOING TO GO TO HELL FOR THIS.
YOU CAN CONTINUE TO LOVE LUCIFEL
NO ONE WILL KNOW IF YOU'RE MARRIED TO ME
I
THE WORDS OF THE DEVIL
MAKE SENSE
THIS IS OUR CONTRACT
I WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NOBILITY
SO PLEASE MARRY ME
BUT

THEN PLEASE KISS ME
LUCIFEL
PLEASE
IF YOU DON'T HATE ME
SO, PLEASE MARRY ME
IF I JOIN THE NOBLE CLASS
I CAN BE BY HIS SIDE FOREVER
I LOVE YOU
PLEASE
LUCIFEL

COME HERE
SURE
.....
MOTHER WENT HALF-CRAZY BECAUSE OF SOME TROUBLE BEFORE
TROU-BLE?
PLEASE
LUCIFEL HASN'T COME HOME YET, AND SHE HASN'T CALLED EITHER.
SO YOU'D LIKE ME TO GO CHECK ON HER?
YES.
NOT ANY-MORE
SORRY, WERE YOU SLEEPING?

I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WENT TO THE DORM TO CHECK ON HER
TROUBLE, YOU SAID?
YES TROUBLE
WHAT I'D IMAGINED
THIS IS NOTHING BUT
HUH?
NEVER MIND I'M SURE IT'LL BE FINE
IT'S FINE, FORGET ABOUT IT I'LL GO CHECK ON HER NOW
I AM TALKING
ABOUT WHAT?
YOU DON'T SEEM UP FOR TALKING ABOUT T

!
YOU'RE NOT ONE TO TALK YOU MADE GABRIEL CRY!
THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS LOCK THE DOOR
HOW CARE-LESS CAN YOU BE?

CALL HOME
YOUR MOTHER'S GOING CRAZY APPAREN-TLY
YOU GOING TO REPORT US?
NOT INTE-RESTED
I'LL PRETEND I NEVER SAW IT
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS SCENE?
AT LEAST YOU BOTH GET WHAT YOU WANT THIS WAY
WOW
ANOTHER DEAL WITH THE DEVIL

I'M FINE
NO NEED TO WORRY
BUT, MY LORD!
PLEASE LEAVE
MY LORD ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING IN THERE!
NOW GO!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE!
MY LORD IS THERE SOMEONE IN THERE?
!

NOT YET
ARE YOU GOING TO DIE?
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU
WHAT IS IT?

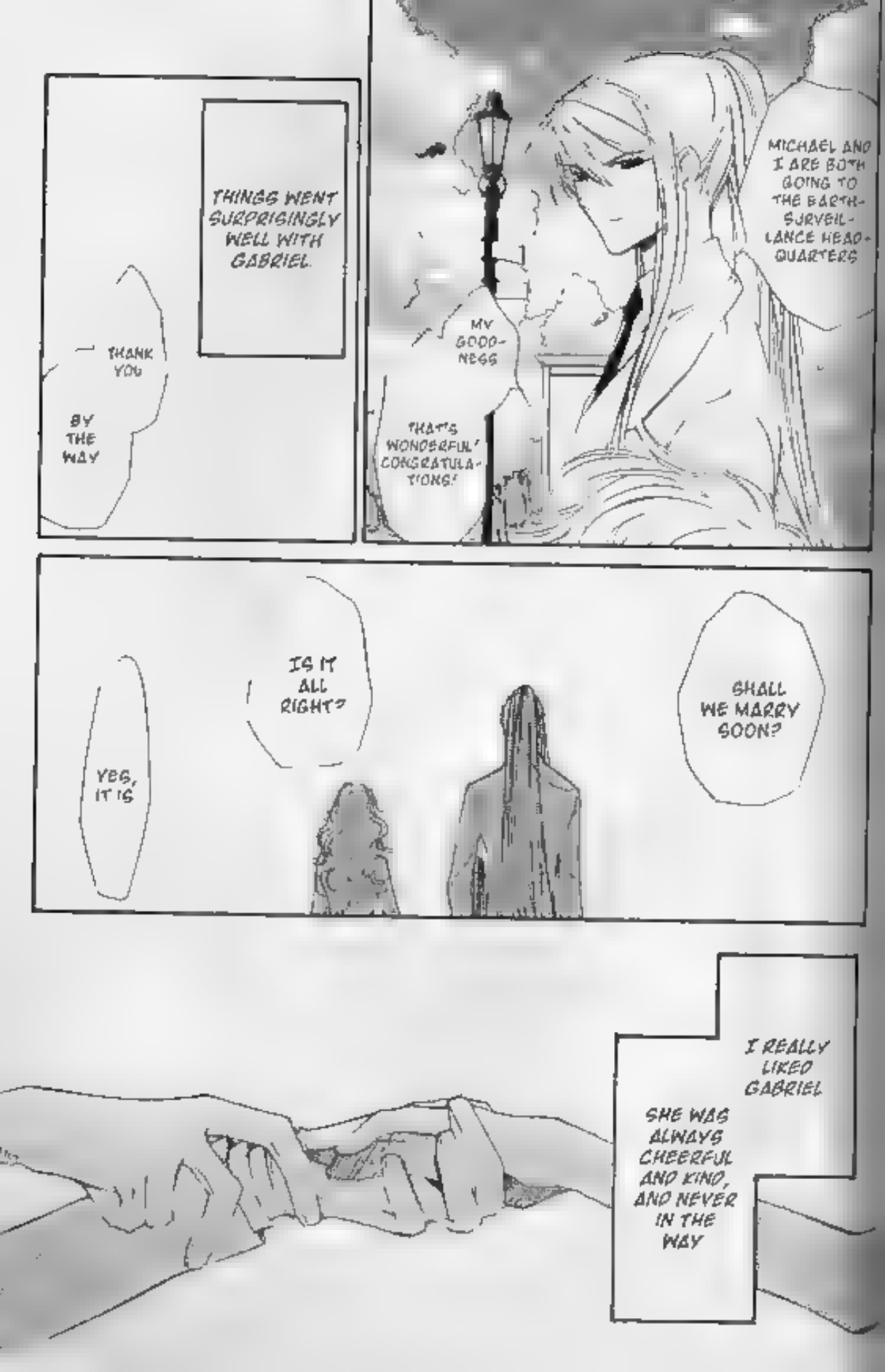
I CAN MAKE HER HAPPY
I CAN KISS HER AND MAKE LOVE TO HER
WHY DID YOU RETURN GABRIEL'S FEELINGS
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW YOU COULD NEVER MAKE HER HAPPY?
FOOL
LUST IS MY ONLY GOD
I TURNED MY BACK ON THE HEAVENS LONG AGO
MY HEART IS MY FLESH IS MY WILL
THAT'S NOT LOVE
THAT'S LUST

GOD GEAR FOR ALL ARE EQUAL IN HIS EYES
ISN'T LOVE WHEN YOU PUT A SINGLE BEING ABOVE ALL OTHERS?
IN A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE IS EQUAL

GABRIEL IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CHOOSE HER HAPPINESS.
THE SAME IS TRUE FOR MICHAEL
AND I CAN MAKE THEM BOTH HAPPY UNIQUELY
AND WHO CAN YOU MAKE HAPPY?

AM I TALKING ABOUT?
WHO
HOMO-SEXUALITY IS PUNISH-ABLE BY DEATH
NO ONE WOULD BLESS US.
I'M NOT FIT TO LOVE ANYONE
YOU CAN GIVE HIM YOJ'
GIVE HIM ALL OF YOUR-SELF!
IF YOU WANT THE RIGHT TO LOVE, THEN GET IT FROM MICHAEL
ALL I CAN GIVE HIM
IS GUILT OF A CRIME

M CHAEL AWAY FROM ME
STEAL
LUCIFEL'S GOING NTO MEDICINE?
AS WE GOT CLOSER TO GRADUATING
WE MADE OUR FUTURE PLANS
YES SHE S GOING INTO THE MILITARY'S MED'CAL DEPARTMENT
I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HER WITH MY GRADES


THINGS WENT SURPRISINGLY WELL WITH GABRIEL.
THANK YOU
BY THE WAY
MY GOOD-NESS
THAT'S WONDERFUL! CONGRATULA-TIONS!
MICHAEL AND I ARE BOTH GOING TO THE EARTH-SURVEIL-LANCE HEAD-QUARTERS
YES, IT IS
IS IT ALL RIGHT?
SHALL WE MARRY SOON?
I REALLY LIKED GABRIEL
SHE WAS ALWAYS CHEERFUL AND KIND, AND NEVER IN THE WAY

PERHAPS THAT WAS WHAT I LIKED BEST ABOUT HER
THAT LITTLE FLAME ALWAYS BURNED IN HER
THOUGH A PART OF HER CONTINUED TO LOVE LUCIFEL
I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE SWEETS TOO MUCH BUT
I WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS
THANK YOU
YES
LET'S HAVE TEA
LORD RAPH-AEL!

AND I OWE IT ALL TO YOU
I BE- YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, BUT I'M TRULY HAPPY'
THANK YOU.
I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT
I FEEL THE SAME WAY
I LOVE YOU BEST OF ALL NEXT TO LUCI-FEL
I CAN BE HAPPY BY CHOOSING THE PATH FOR MYSELF
THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
YOU AND SHE HAVE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH

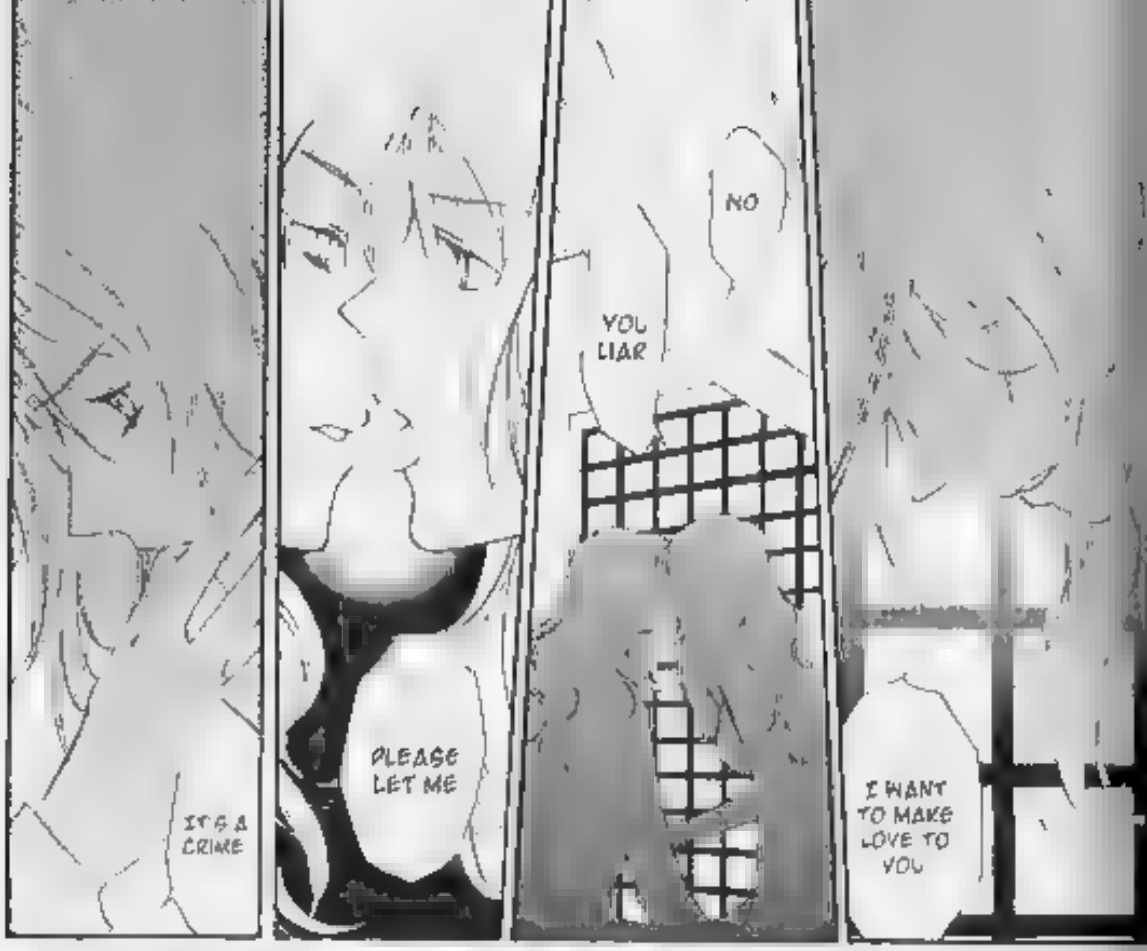
I HAD NEITHER THE STRENGTH NOR INDIFFERENCE THAT WOMEN HAD
BUT IT FELT SO DISTANT FOR ME
WHEN I SAW THE TWO OF THEM TOGETHER, HAPPINESS SEEMED SO SIMPLE

HEY!
LUCI-FEL
LONG TIME, NO SEE!
BUT TIME DOESN'T STOP
twirl
IF HE'S NOT GOING TO WAIT, THEN ONE MOMENT'S EVERYTHING
OH, THIS?
WHAT'S THAT?
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY I'D BE GETTING A CHECK-UP FROM YOU
WELL I AM A DOCTOR
Or something like that
FIRST YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE, THEN AN EKG
PLEASE REMOVE YOUR SHIRT
. . .
Hmph.

IT'S A FEATHER FROM ONE OF OUR BLACK CANCER PATIENTS
QUITE STRANGE HM?
I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING THIS SICKNESS FOR A WHILE
IT'S A NEW STRAIN OF CANCER THE DEATH RATE IS ALMOST 99%
BLACK CANCER?
A BEAUTIFUL COLOR, NO?
I SEE
I'LL CHECK FOR THAT LAST
WHAT?
I WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL IT PRETTY
YOU MEN HAVE NO AESTHETICS
OMINOUS FEATHER

GOOD POINT YOU CAN'T
HOW?
Hmph.
IF YOUR HAIR AND WINGS TURN COMPLETELY BLACK AND THEN YOU DIE
YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR SELF
GAB-RIEL!
THE GOODBYE WAS SUDDEN
OH, DARL-ING!
GAB-RIEL?
EVERY-ONE'S WORRIED SICK!
GET OUT OF THERE! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

BUT WHY?
I DON'T KNOW!
SHE SAID SHE NEVER WANTED TO SEE ME AGAIN!
?!
IT'S LUCIFEL
SHE BROKE UP WITH ME!
...HAPPENING
GAB-RIEL
DEAR GOD!
I WISH I WERE DEAD!
SOMETHING
NO, WE CAN'T
GO ANY FURTHER
WHAT IS IT?

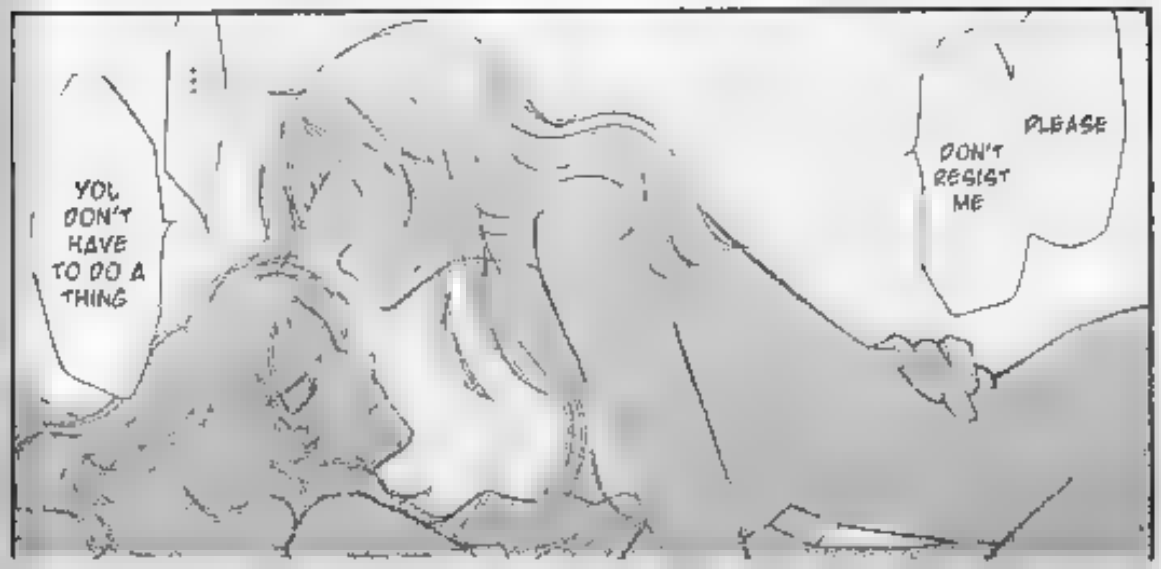

IT'S A CRIME
PLEASE LET ME
YOU LIAR
NO
I WANT TO MAKE LOVE TO YOU

LIE
JUST THIS ONCE
I SWEAR I'LL KEEP IT A SECRET

WHAT DO YOU ME--
?
.....
THEN YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO SEE ME AGAIN
PLEASE I'LL GIVE YOU MY LIFE IF YOU LET ME DO IT JUST THIS ONCE

I'LL MAKE LOVE TO YOU
AND THEN DIE TONIGHT

PLEASE, MICHAEL
NOTHING AT ALL
LUE?
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU?


YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO A THING
PLEASE
DON'T RESIST ME

THE NEXT MORNING.
CLOSE YOUR EYES
NOW
"WHERE TO HAPPEARE"

GABRIEL CRIED HER EYES OUT WHEN SHE HEARD
OH LUCIFEL, YOU IDIOT!
WE LEARNED FROM THE RECORDS LEFT AT THE CLINIC
THAT LUCIFEL HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH THE BLACK CANCER
SHE PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE HER SO WEAK
BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE CARED
RIGHT?
MICHAEL WAS COMPLETELY CALM ABOUT IT
BUT IF SICKNESS WAS GOING TO KILL HER
I'D HAVE RATHER KILLED HER MYSELF
SHE DISAPPEARED
BECAUSE SHE KNEW SHE WAS GOING TO DIE
LUC-FEL?

HUH ?
WHO ?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT NAME? TALKING IN MY SLEEP? WHEN?
I KNOW
SHE'S NOT DEAD
I CAN STILL SENSE HER
IT WAS ONLY AFTER SHE'D DISAP-PEARED
THAT I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE "TROUBLE" SURROUNDING HER
JUST OUR SECRET NAME
THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET BETWEEN THE TWO OF US
SHE WAS RESCUED ONE WEEK LATER
BUT HE DID SOME TERRIBLE THINGS TO HER.
BY SOME LOW-CLASS EX-EMPLOYEE THAT HATED THE NOBILITY
SHE WAS KIDNAPPED WHEN SHE WAS FIVE

SHE'D CRY EVERY NIGHT AFRAID THAT A KIDNAPPER WOULD COME AGAIN
IT TURNED HER INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON
WE'D ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE AS WE GREW UP
BUT THE SCARS IN LUCIFEL RAN DEEP
WHAT'S MY SECRET NAME?
I TOLD YOU IT'S A SECRET
ONLY SHE NEEDS TO KNOW IT
THAT'S WHEN WE MADE UP A SECRET NAME FOR HER
I WOULD TELL HER THAT "LUE" ISN'T LUCIFEL SO NO ONE WOULD TOUCH HER
GOD DIDN'T SAVE ME
LUCIFEL STOPPED BELIEVING IN GOD
AFTER THAT
EVERYONE IS THE SAME TO GOD GOOD AND BAD PEOPLE
ALL THE SAME
AND HE DOESN'T HELP WEAK PEOPLE
AND HE DOESN'T PUNISH BAD PEOPLE

WHO IS IT?

LUE, THAT'S NOT YOUR BELLY. IT'S YOUR HEART

MY HEART?

AND GOOD AND BAD ISN'T THE GAME

AS PEOPLE I LIKE AND DISLIKE

BUT THE PERSON IN MY BELLY

CAN TELL IF A PERSON IS.

..GOOD OR BAD

THIS IS MY GOD?

YES. WHAT'S HE SAYING?

THAT PERSON INSIDE YOUR HEART

...IS YOUR GOD.

MY GOD SAYS THAT HE

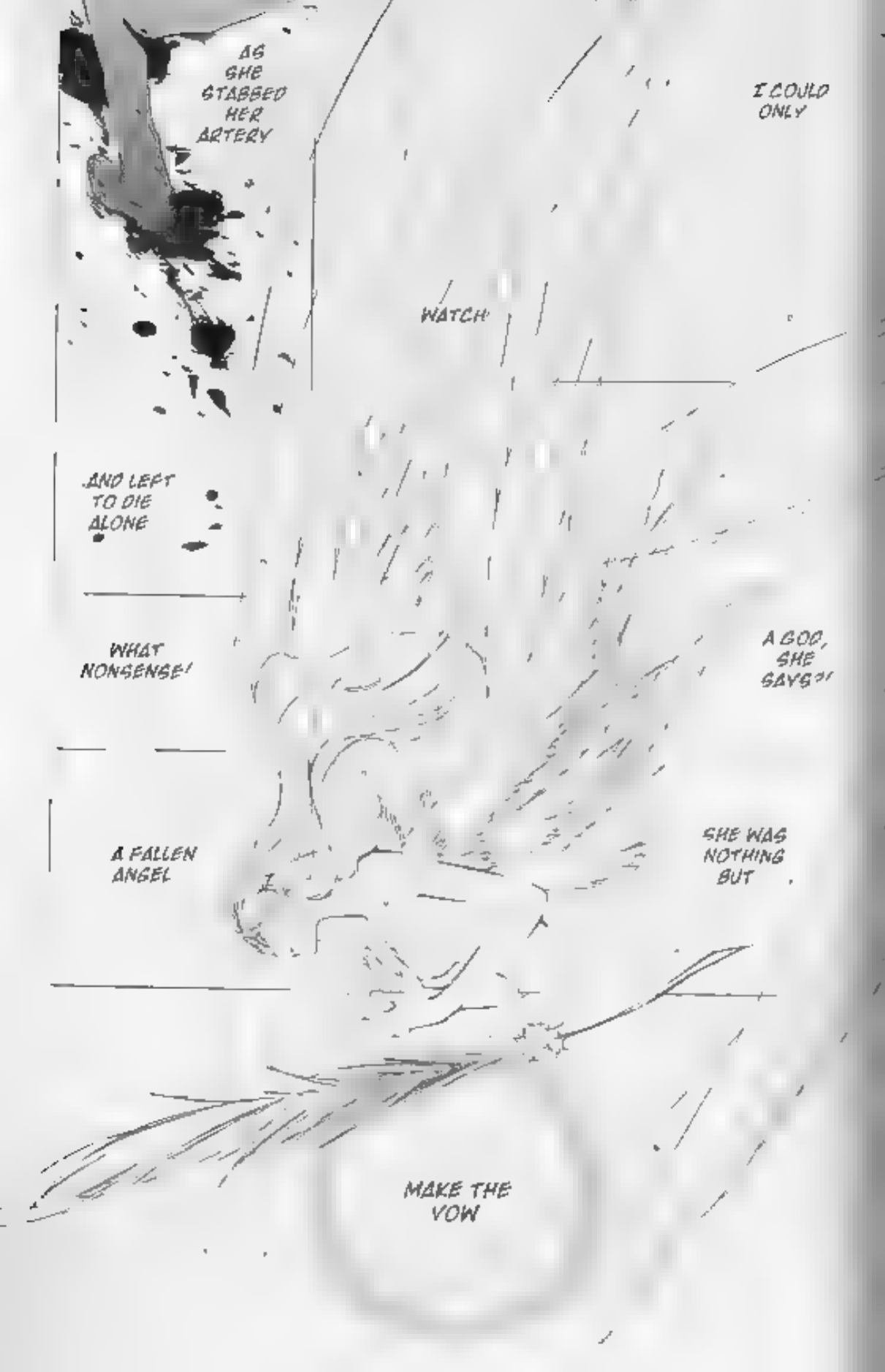
. LOVES MICHAEL!

YOU ARE NO LONGER MY ENEMY
YOU'LL BE DEAD SOON
I LOVE YOU, MICHAEL.
A LITTLE OLD SICK-NESS WON'T FINISH ME OFF
I'LL BEAT THIS.
MAYBE NOT DIRECTLY BUT

AND HE WILL BE BORN WITH BLACK WINGS
WHO CARRIES THE RECESSIVE GENES
AFTER SEVERAL GENERATIONS, A CHILD WILL BE BORN.
I WON'T BELIEVE IT
IT'S JUST A SHAME I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES
A NEW BREED OF ANGEL
BLACK WINGS AND BLACK HAIR

WHY NOT VISIT GABRIEL OR MICHAEL?
WHY ME?
WHY DID YOU COME HERE
IN YOUR LAST MOMENTS?
I CAME HERE TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU.
I'M ALREADY DEAD
I'VE SAID GOODBYE TO THEM
I MAY DIE, BUT
YOU WILL KEEP LIVING AND STAY BY HIS SIDE
TOGETHER YOU AND I ARE COMPLETE

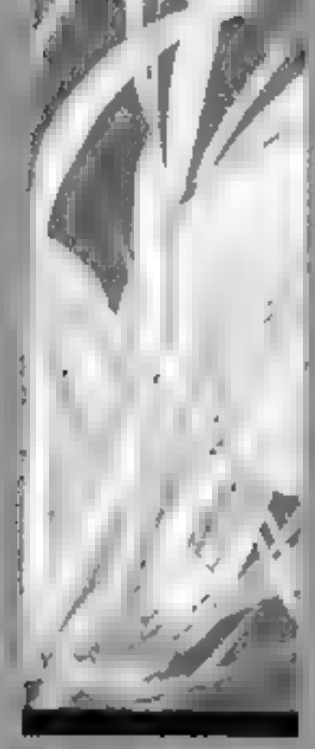
NOW
PLEDGE YOURSELF ONLY TO HIM
JUST WHAT ARE YOU?!
MAKE THE VOW
I AM
YOUR GOD
I AM YOUR DESIRE


AS SHE STABBED HER ARTERY
I COULD ONLY
WATCH
AND LEFT TO DIE ALONE
WHAT NONSENSE!
A GOD, SHE SAYS?!
A FALLEN ANGEL
SHE WAS NOTHING BUT
MAKE THE VOW

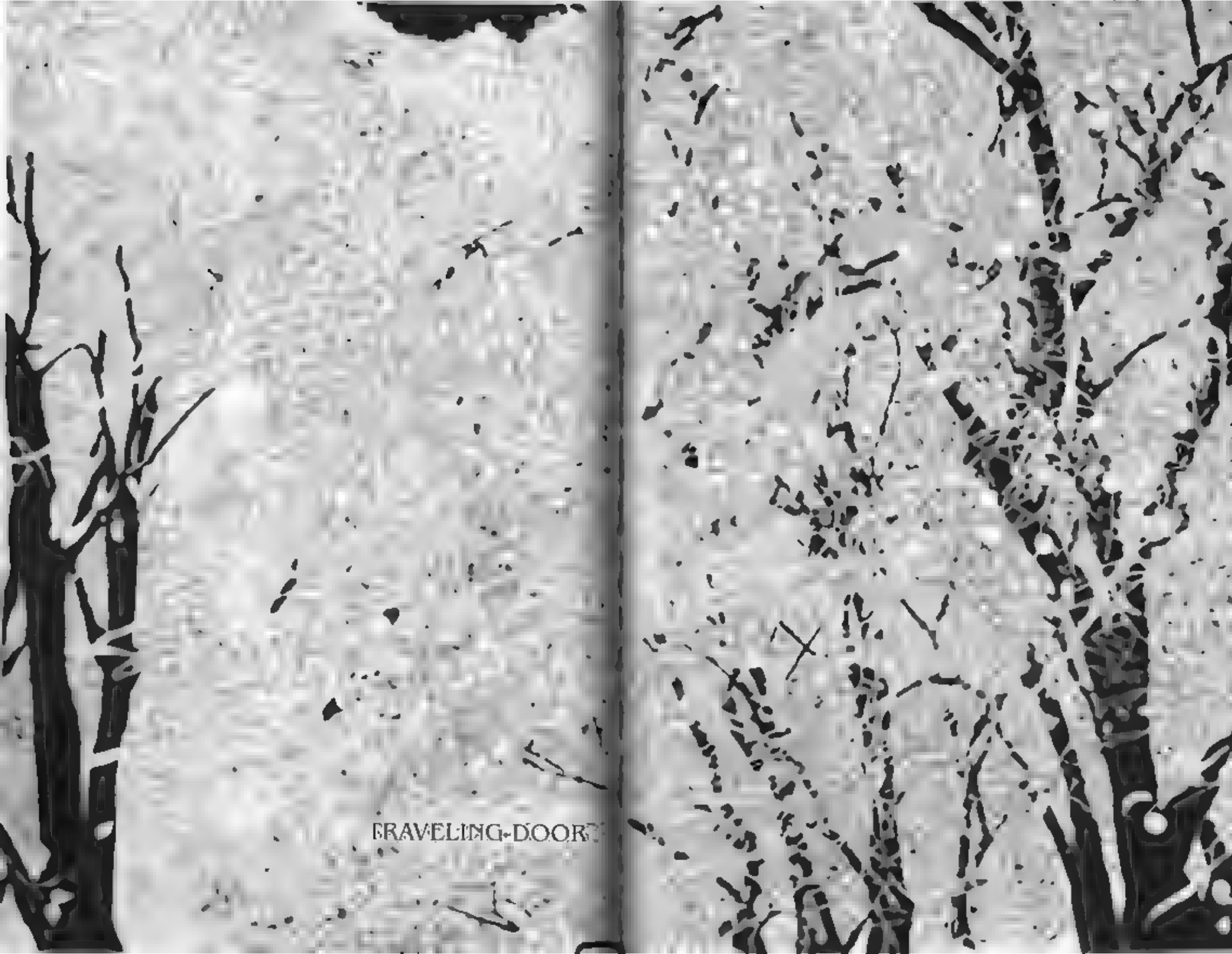
PLEDGE YOURSELF ONLY TO HIM

AT THE TIME

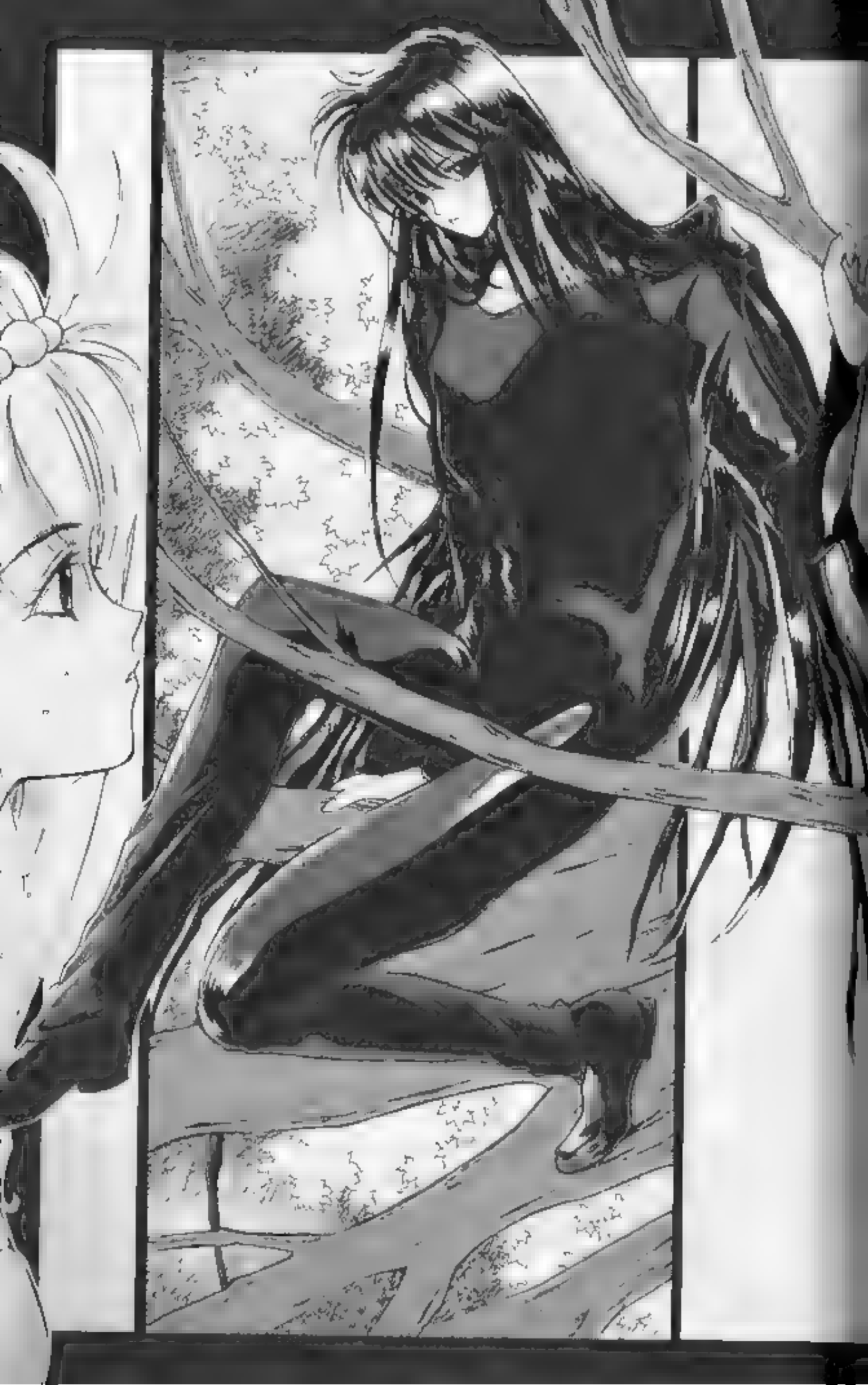
WOULD SO PROFOUNDLY CHANGE OUR FATE
I HAD NO IDEA THAT OUR MEETING WITH HIM.
AND DON'T YOU
TEASE CHINAYA, OKAY?
I WON'T
I'M NOT AS TOUGH AS I LOOK
...
UH
H-HELLO! NICE TO MEET YOU!
OH! HE'S HERE!



I am a black bird.
I can become an angel. I can also become a devil.


TRAVELING-DOOR

SHE'S MISSING! I BET SHE WENT OFF EXPLORING ON HER OWN AGAIN
THAT CHILD'S NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF SHE MEETS THAT BLACK BIRD?



ARE YOU THE BLACK BIRD?
HELLO, MR BIRD!
I'M A FISH!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU AT ALL!

MR BIRD?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
MY SISTERS TOLD ME ABOJT A BLACK BIRD THAT WAS UNLUCKY.
THAT'S SUCH A MEAN LIE!
OH!
I'M SO SORRY!
CAN'T YOU SPEAK?

WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?
HE'S A REALLY, REALLY PRETTY BIRD!
SO STOP MAKING UP OJMB STORIES ABOUT HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU PRATTLING ON ABOUT?
ガン
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO QUIT RUNNING OFF ON YOUR OWN?!

WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE APPROACHING WINTER, NOT RUN OFF TO PLAY WITH BIRDIES!
SILENCE!
OWW! NO VIOLENCE!
THIS IS ABUSE!
AND WE MUST MAKE THE PREPARATIONS FOR THEIR RETURN!
ONCE THE SNOW BEGINS TO FALL, OUR HUSBANDS WILL COME BACK TO US!
THAT MEANS HE WILL COME BACK!

MR BIRD!

THEY'RE INCREDIBLE!
ARE THEY YOUR FRIENDS, MR BIRD?

WHO ARE YOU WAITING FOR, MR BIRD?
YOU'RE NOT WAITING?
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE
BUT I'M NOT LONELY, BECAUSE HE PROMISED ME HE'D COME BACK
AS FOR ME
I'M WAITING FOR SOMEONE WHO WENT OUT TO SEA
HE'LL COME BACK IN WINTER.

FOR ME?
I WAS LYING
I REALLY AM LONELY I MISS HIM!
I MISS HIM SO MUCH!
THANK YOU!
COME, WINTER ...

I WANT TO SEE HIM, NO MATTER HOW FAR HE MAY BE
I WANT TO HEAR HIM SAY HOW MUCH HE LOVES ME
SO I'M WAITING
I'M WAITING FOR HIM

THE FIRST AND SECOND ARE ALREADY HERE!
YES! THEY FINALLY CAME BACK!
YOU MEAN THE MEN HAVE RETURNED?
NOT YET, BUT SOON
BUT HE HASN'T RETURNED YET?
THAT'S WHY THE ELDEST AND SECOND ELDEST DAUGHTER HAVE LEFT THE HOUSE
I SEE..
I HOPE HE COMES BACK SOON
I'LL MISS THEM, BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO

WHO ARE YOU
WAITING FOR, MR BIRD?

THERE'S ONLY ME AND TWO OTHER SISTERS LEFT!
HE'S NOT COMING BACK!
HE'S NOT COMING BACK
HE PROMISED ME HE'D COME BACK WHEN THE SNOW FELL!

I WAITED FOR HIM!
I WAITED EVERY SINGLE DAY!
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE LEFT! I'M THE ONLY ONE!

I'M I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN--
Oh
MAYBE YOU REALLY ARE BAD LUCK!
IS THAT WHY HE HASN'T COME BACK?
DOES HE HATE ME?
DID HE ABANDON ME?
IF HE WASN'T GOING TO COME BACK, THEN HE SHOULD'VE JUST DIED!

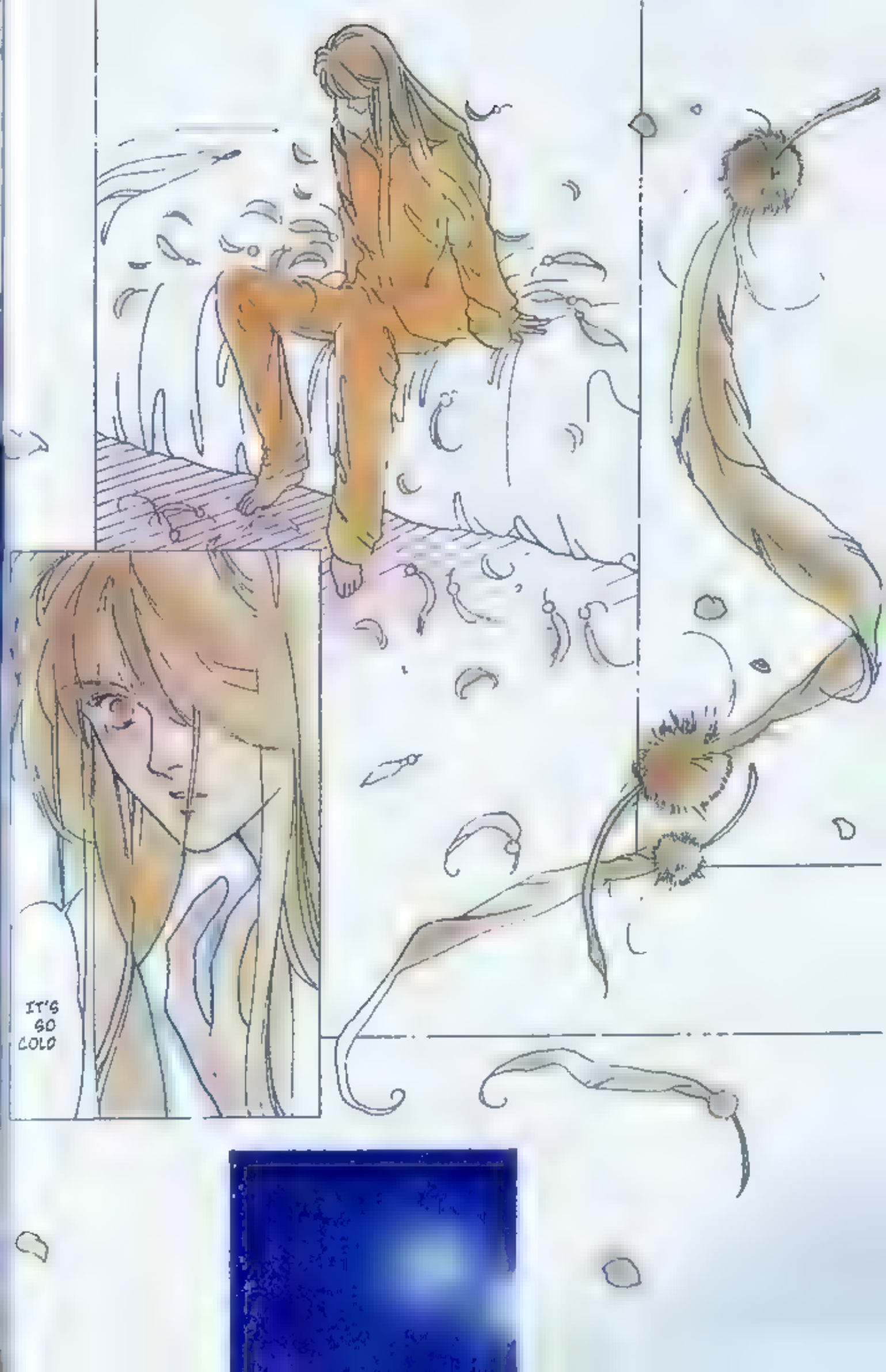
ONE DOESN'T NEED EARS
HE'LL COME IF YOU BELIEVE IN HIM
MR BIRD?
YOU'RE TALK--
ONE DOESN'T NEED WORDS
BUT I WANT.
I WON'T LET HIM DIE
I WANT TO PROTECT HIM
YOU'D REGRET NOT HAVING TOLD HIM HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM
IF HE DIED, THEN YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE HIM AGAIN, RIGHT?
DON'T DIE KEEP LIVING.

MR BIRD
. HOW FAR AWAY HE IS.
EYES THAT CAN FIND HIM
IF YOU BELIEVE IN HIM, THEN YOU'LL MEET AGAIN
NO MATTER

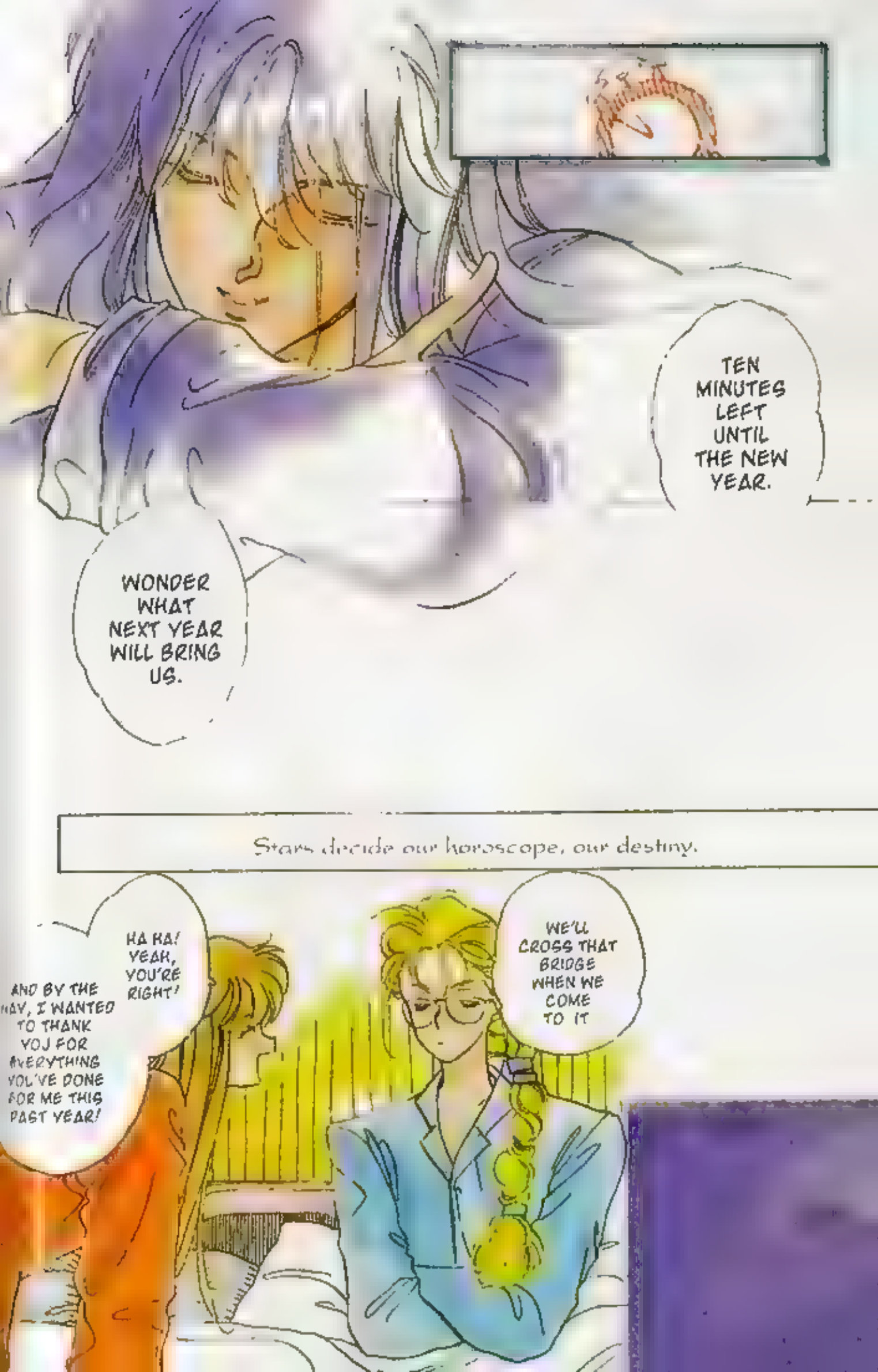
I am waiting for a pure white angel, like God.
WHO ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?

# A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## – HOROSCOPE IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER –


IT'S
SO
COLD

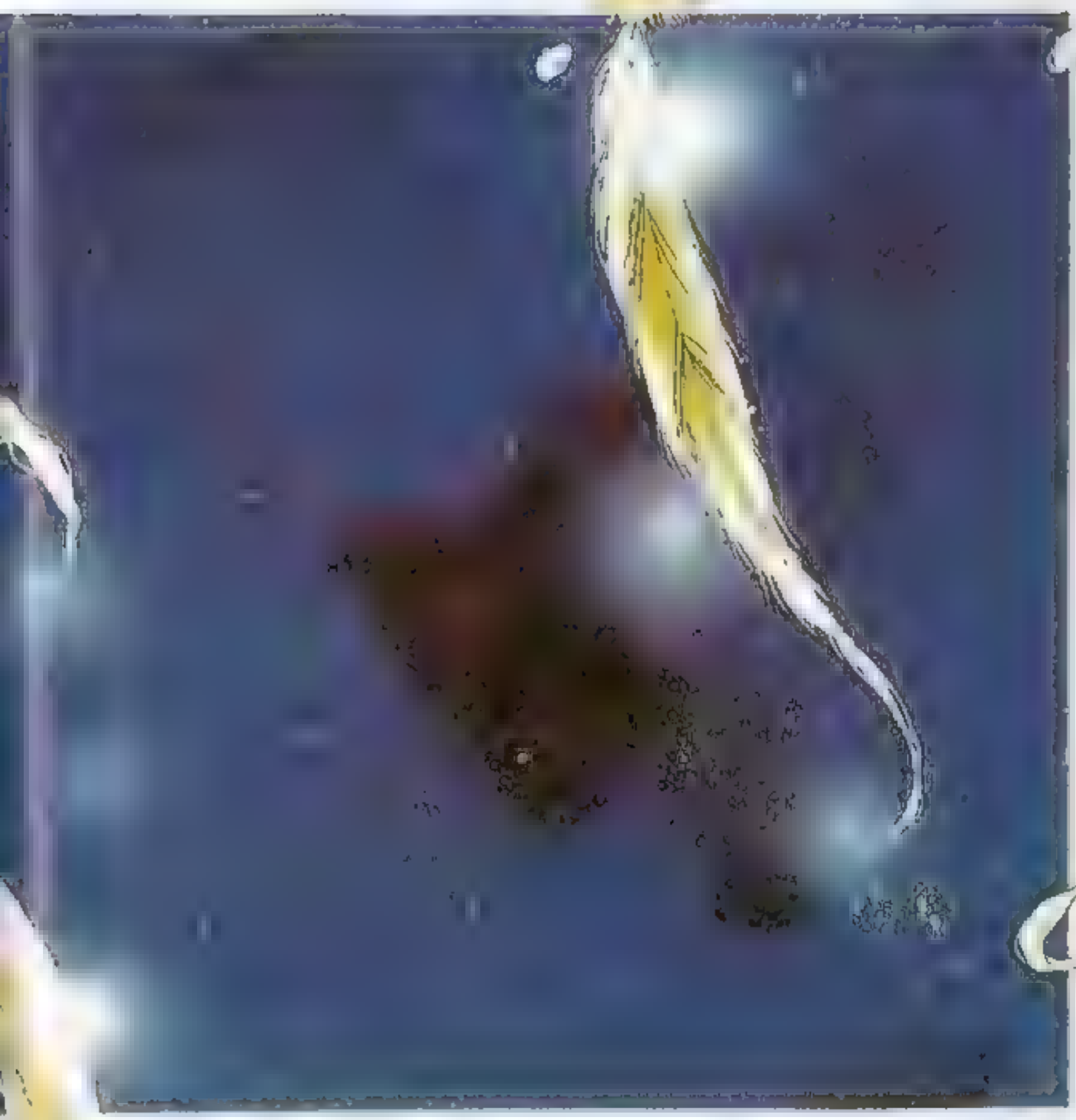
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
YOU'RE JUST GOING THROUGH YOUR MOLTING SEASON
WE LEARNED THAT IN CLASS, REMEMBER?
YEAH, BUT I WAS NEVER ANY GOOD
WOW! HEY, KAGE-TSUYA?
THE STARS ARE BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT!
CAN YOU READ THE CONSTELL-ATIONS?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT DUMB OLD STARS I'LL NEVER BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN TELL MY FATE.


TEN MINUTES LEFT UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.
WONDER WHAT NEXT YEAR WILL BRING US.
Stars decide our horoscope, our destiny.
WE'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT
HA HA! YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
AND BY THE WAY, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR ME THIS PAST YEAR!

OH!
SAME HERE! THANKS A BUNCH!
GOOD LUCK TO JS NEXT YEAR!
AND NICE WORK NG WITH YOU NEXT YEAR TOO!
WONDER HOW LONG WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOR?
FOREVER? REALLY?
REALLY
UNTIL FOREVER

WOW! SO UNTIL THIS PLANET DIES?
NO, EVEN AFTER THIS PLANET DIES
IN THAT CAGE
UNTIL THE END OF OUR LIVES? TILL DEATH DO US PART?

EVERY-
THING'S
READY
I EVEN
MADE
OSECHI
LOOK!
ONLY 30
SECONDS
LEFT!
I'll say a prayer in my heart.
EVEN
AFTER
THAT.
...asking that Kageyama and I can be together no matter what happens.
Let the new year begin.



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—HOROSCOPE IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER—

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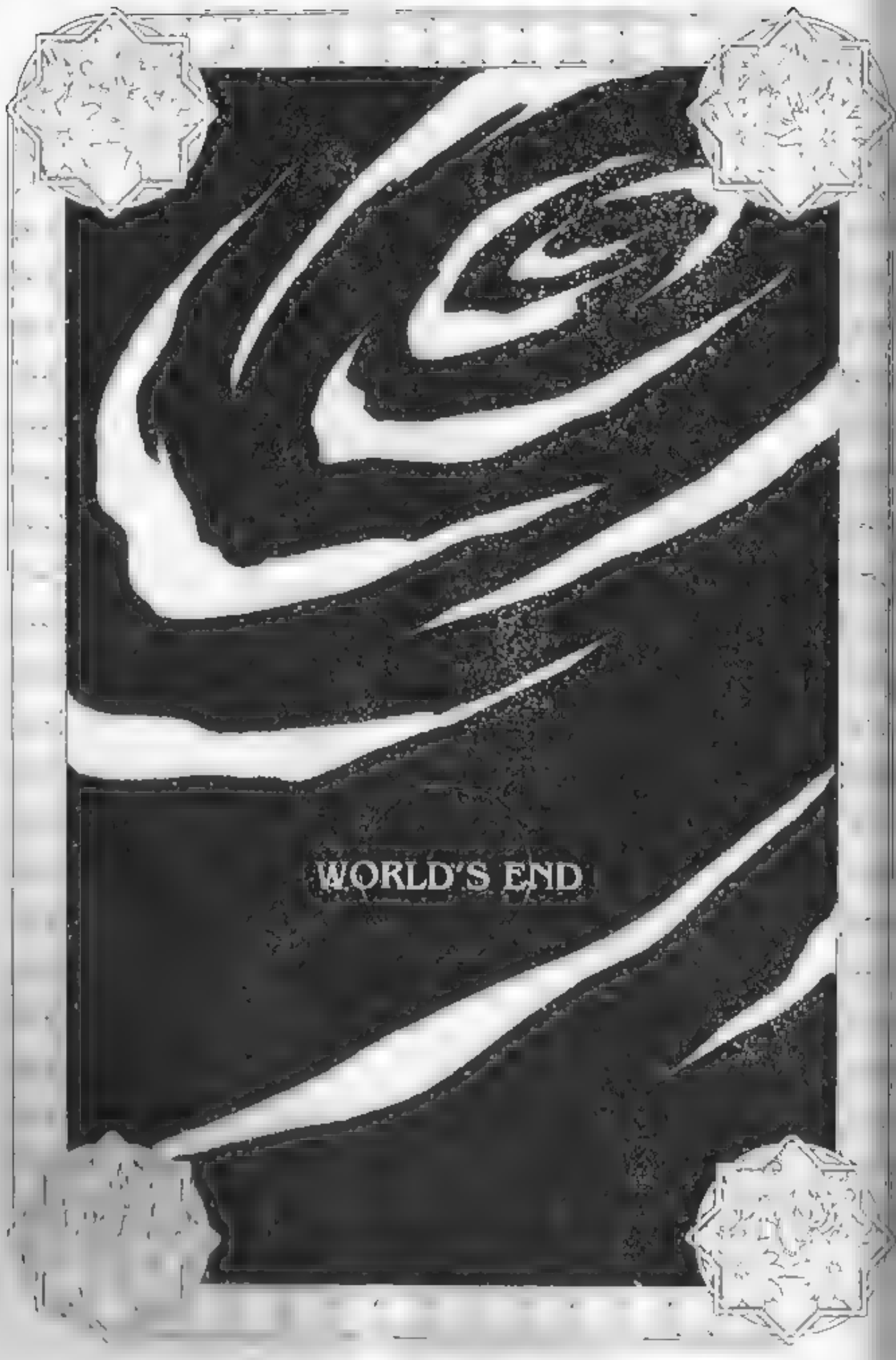
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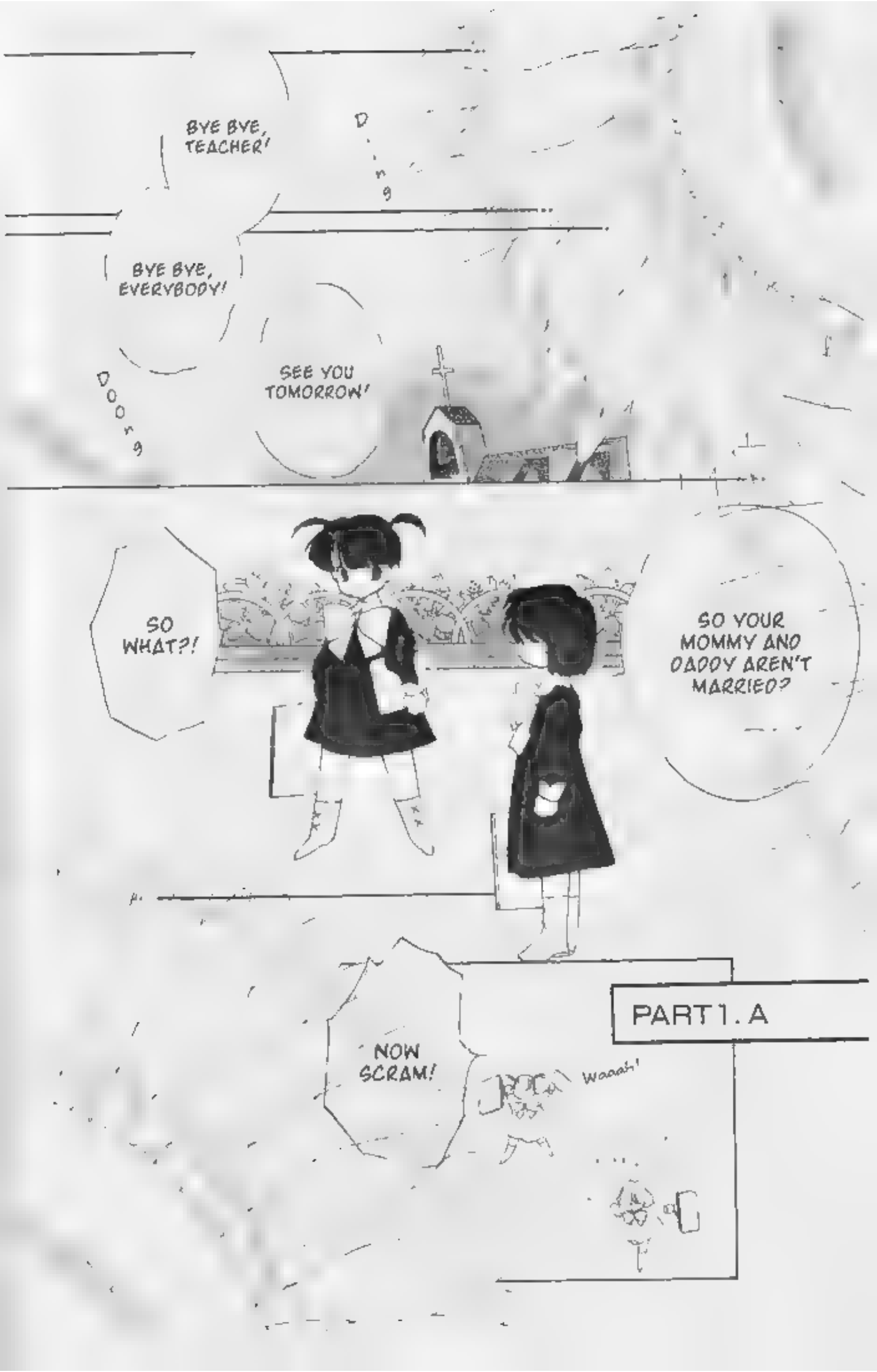

BYE BYE, TEACHER!
Ding
BYE BYE, EVERYBODY!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
Doorng
SO WHAT?!
SO YOUR MOMMY AND DADDY AREN'T MARRIED?
NOW SCRAM!
Waaah!
PART 1. A

HEE HEE!
THERE'S A GOOD GIRL!
THAT'S MY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER!
MAYA-CHAN!
SO THEN WHAT DID YOU DO?
I SCARED 'EM RIGHT OUTTA THERE, LIKE YOU TOLD ME, MOMMY!
A KID TOLD ME THAT MOMMY AND DADDY WEREN'T REALLY MARRIED
HEY, MOMMY? TODAY, AT SCHOOL
OH, REALLY?
THERE'S SOME IN THE KITCHEN DEAR
MAMA! I WANT SNACKS! I WANT SNACKS!
BIG BROTHER'S GOING TO PLAY WITH MAYA TODAY, RIGHT?
THAT'S A PROMISE, THEN
MOMMY, I'M HOME CAN I GO OUT TODAY?
I PROMISE I'LL DO MY HOMEWORK WHEN I GET BACK!
BIG BROTHER?
MOM, YA GOTTA HEAR WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL TODAY! OKAY SO--
DON'T FORGET TO WASH YOUR HANDS!
OKAY!
OKAY
COME ON, MAYA.

BUT DADDY SAID "YES," SO IT'S FINE!
HMM..
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? THE FRIENDS SHE WANTS TO INVITE TO THE WEDDING HAVEN'T RETURNED
THEY'RE ON VACA-TION?
PRO-BABLY
WHY ISN'T MOMMY MARRIED?
IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS
YOU USED TO BE STARED AT FOR HAVING BLACK HAIR AND WINGS.
BUT NOW IT'S BECOME COMMON

HOW ARE YOU DOING?
CHIHAYA
MY CHILDREN ARE JUST LIKE YOU
NOW EDEN IS FULL OF CHILDREN JUST LIKE YOU
I THINK BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL, TOO.
YES, KAGETSUYA I UNDERSTAND THAT NOW

NOT ONLY ARE THEY FREE FROM THE BLACK CANCER, BUT NATURALLY THEY POSSESS HEALTHY BODIES AND POTENT SUPERPOWERS
THE SECOND GENERATION OF THOSE BORN WITH BLACK HAIR HAVE INHERITED THE IMMUNITY
CHIHAYA WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST IN THIS EVOLUTIONARY STRAIN
THE STATISTICS SHOW THAT NEARLY ALL OF THE THIRD GENERATION WILL BE BLACK
BEFORE LONG, ALL OF EDEN'S CHILDREN WILL BE BLACK
BLACK ANGELS ARE A STRONGER RACE THAN THE WHITE ANGELS
EVEN I UNDERSTAND IT NOW

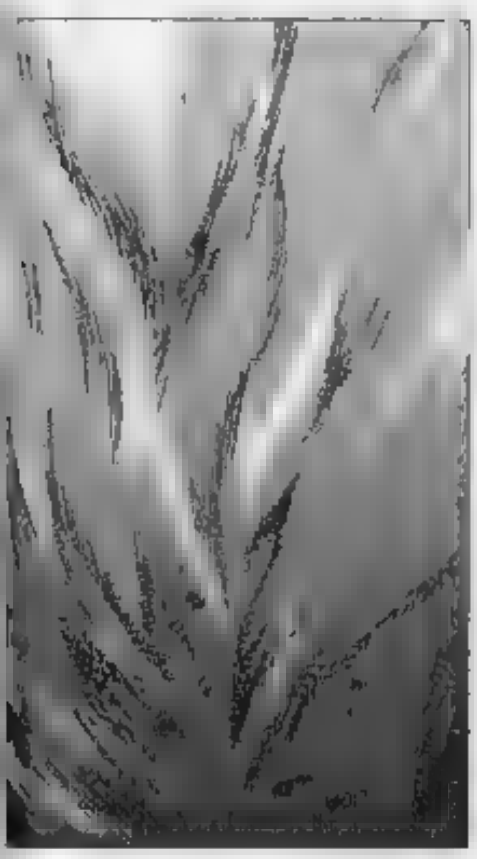
I WISH I COULD SHOW IT TO CHIHAYA
AND I'D LIKE TO SHOW OFF TO KAGE-TSUYA
THAT AYA BECAME MY WIFE!
NOT SO FAST, SWEETY I STILL LIKE KAGE-TSUYA
YES. BUT
WHAT?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?
...YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE, MIYAGI.

I HAD A FEELING YOU'D REJECT ME
IF IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TROJBLE, CAN I ASK THE REASON WHY?
...I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU
I'M SORRY
PART2. M
I READ YOJR LETTER
THANK YOU, BUT
ARE YOU DUMPING ME BECAUSE OF THE WOJND ON YOUR FACE, MUSHANOKOUJI-SAN?
HOW DID.
.YOU KNOW?

SO I GUESS IT'S NOT THAT INJURY
NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT
OH, YES IT IS THIS INJURY
SHALL I SHOW IT TO YOU TOO?
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, MUSHANOKOUJI-SAN.
I'M WORTH MORE THAN MY LOOKS.
I KNOW YOU SHOW IT TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU OUT, MUSHANOKOJJI-SAN
Heh
IT REALLY DOESN'T BOTHER YOJ AT ALL, RIGHT?
CAN BE SEEN WITH A GIRL WHO'S GOT SUCH A NASTY SCAR.
THERE'S NO WAY A BOY
YOU'RE LYING RIGHT TO MY FACE

WON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
I HAVE TO SAY I LIKE YOU, TOO
I GOT IT WHEN I TRIED TO DIE ALONG WITH THE ONE MAN I LOVED.
DIED
THOUGH WE ENDED UP SURVIVING.
THAT'S WHY I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH
ABOUT THIS INJURY

It's nothing to cry about



. ALL OF YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY.

I SWEAR, I'LL SEE ..

I WAS ASKED OUT AGAIN AT SCHOOL TODAY
IT'S NOT EASY BEING SO POPULAR
OOH, LUCKY GIRL
DOC, I'M HOME!
SORRY I'M LATE I'LL MAKE DINNER RIGHT AWAY!
THANKS
WELCOME HOME, MIYUKI
SHOULD I FIX THAT INJURY ON YOUR FACE? IT SHOULD BE EASY
NAH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT
I DON'T REALLY MIND
ANY HEADWAY ON HOW TO FIX TAKI? TELL ME
PLEASE DOC? ♡

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN TAKI WILL WAKE UP AGAIN
IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS
I'LL CONTINUE TO WAIT, TODAY AND TOMORROW, AND THE DAY AFTER THAT
NO MATTER WHAT THE DOC DOES TO TRY AND REPAIR HIM, HE WON'T AWAKEN
I CAN'T KNOW
WILL HE EVEN WAKE UP IN MY LIFETIME?

MAYBE IT CAN ONLY BE DONE BY HIM...
I'M SORRY, MIYUKI
I CAN'T FIND THE KEYWORD TO MAKE HIM WAKE UP IF WE COULD ONLY GET HIS SENSES BACK ON LINE
HIS BODY'S ALREADY COMPLETE
THAT'S FINE JUST AS LONG AS YOU KEEP WORKING ON IT
AND THEN I'LL BECOME A GREAT SCIENTIST MYSELF WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT

IT'S NOT SO HARD TO WAIT.
AND WHEN YOU WAKE, I'LL BE HERE
BECAUSE YOU'RE REALLY HERE, TAKI
PART3. E
ELVIRA, A LETTER CAME IN FOR YOU

OH!
IT SEEMS TO BE FROM CHIHAYA
JUST OPEN THE LETTER!
YEAH, YEAH, MOM
YOU SHOULD CALL ME "MOM," REMEMBER?
NUMBER 2?
HEY, GIVE IT HERE!
HEH HEH!
AH, IT SEEMS THEY'RE IN HONG KONG NOW

OOPS!
IT'S TIME
ELVIRA, IT'S TIME FOR YOUR BRIEFING
MOMMY?
HUH? BUT WHAT ABOUT MOMMY?
A LET-TER?
WHAT'S IT SAY?
AND WHO'S CHIKA-YA?
SHE'S READING CHIKAYA'S LETTER NOW
WE'LL GET HER LATER

CHIHAYA? WHY HE'S.
...THE ANGEL THAT PROTECTS THE EARTH
LONG, LONG AGO . GOD TRIED TO PUNISH THIS PLANET BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WAS BAD
AT THAT TIME..
. THERE WAS ONLY ONE ANGEL ON THE SIDE OF THE HUMANS
WOOOOOW

EVEN NOW,
THAT ANGEL IS
SOMEWHERE
AMONG US.

PART 4. D

I'VE SEEN IT OFTEN THESE DAYS. IT MUST BE THE FUTURE OF THIS PLANET.

I HAD A VISION OF A DESERT

IT MUST BE ALL THIS HEAT!

OH, SORRY I WAS JUST ZONING OUT

IS THERE SOME-THING THE MATTER?

DAINA?

BUT IT'S NOT THAT FAR OFF, EITHER

IT WILL NOT OCCUR NEXT YEAR.

I THINK SO.
MOMMY!
I SAID HURRY UP!
COMING, HONEY
MOMMY!
I'M RIGHT HERE.
SOMEDAY THIS PLANET WILL FALL UNDER A DEAFENING SILENCE

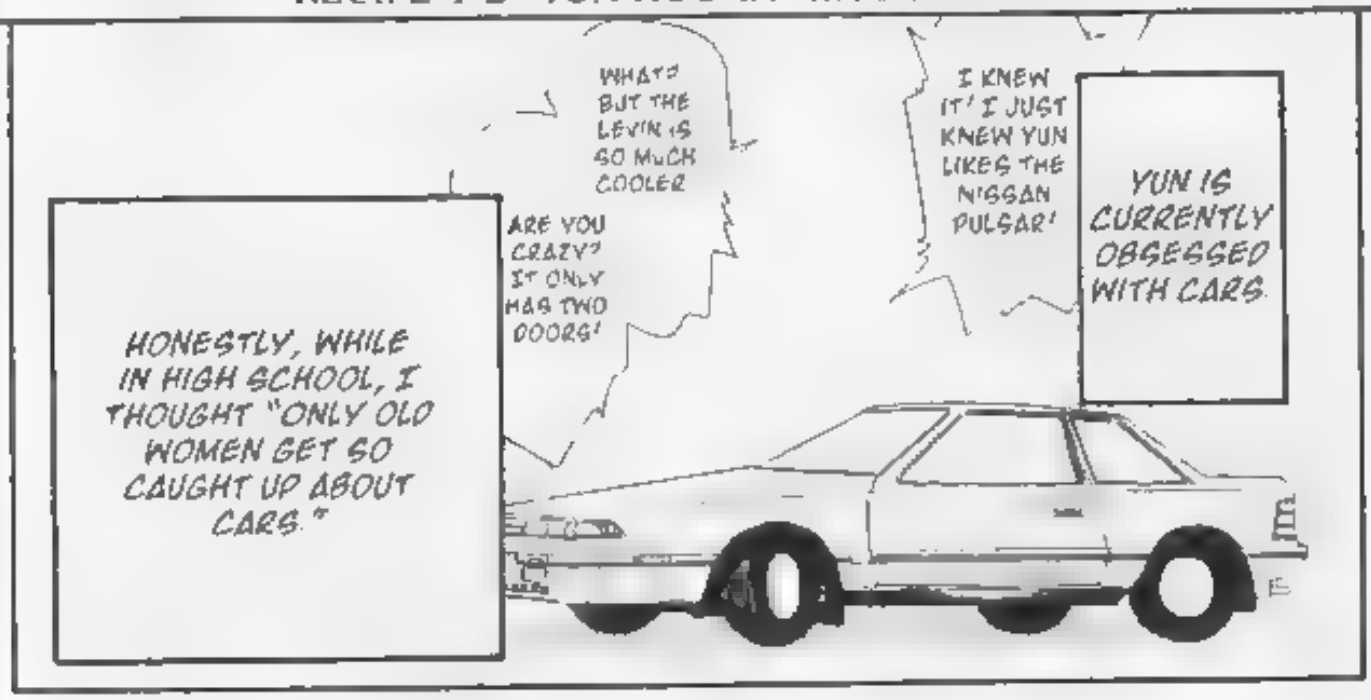
And yet...
AND MANY DANGERS WILL MANIFEST.
MOMMY!
...overcome them.
..will we still...
I'M RIGHT HERE.
And survive.

We will win

When I'm drawing the Earthian manga, I always refer to Chihaya as "Monkey-monkey" and Kagetsuya as Bear Bear

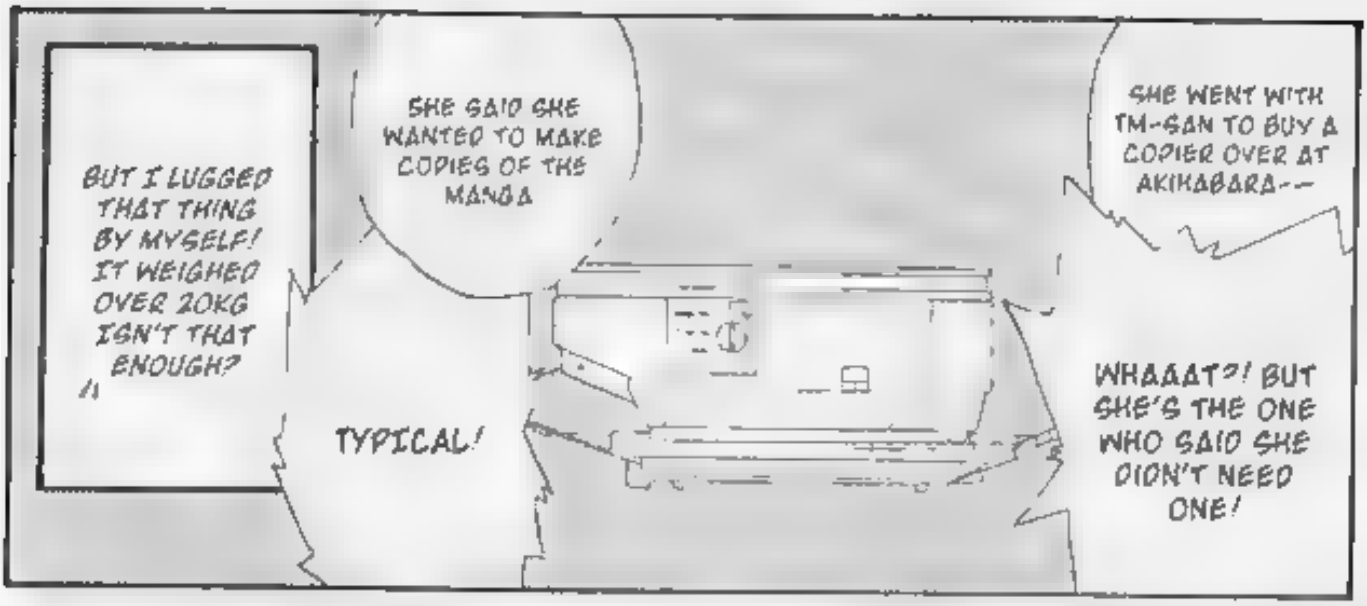
## RECIPE 1 "GREETINGS"

## RECIPE 1-2 "YUN KOUGA GETS DRIVING"

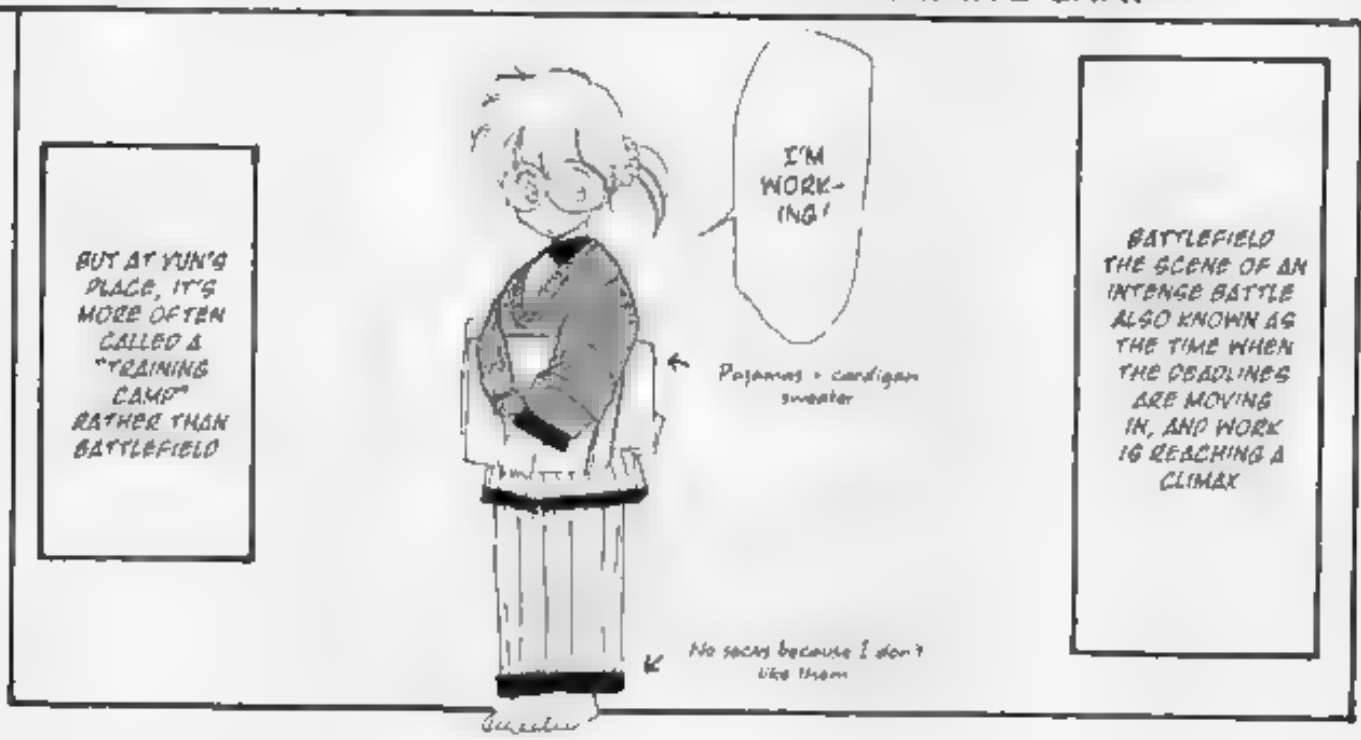


YOU IDIOT!
A WAGON IS TWICE THE PRICE OF A REGULAR CAR!
IT'S HIGHER OFF THE GROUND AND I CAN GET A GREAT VIEW!
NO! NO! NO! NO! IF WE'RE GOING ON THE FREEWAY, THEN I WANT A WAGON!
BUT ACTUALLY, I'M HAPPY WITH ANY TYPE OF CAR I GUESS I JUST LIKE DRIVING.
YUN-CHAN! STOP STICKING YOUR HEAD OUT THE WINDOW!
LET'S GO TO DISNEY-LAND!
TM-CHAN, CAN YOU BE MY COPILOT?
Why do you always have to get your way?!
FIRST WE'LL DRIVE BY COAST B AND THEN STOP OVER AT KAGA!
SHEESH. WHY'D YOU INVITE US ALONG?
LET'S HAVE LUNCH
L-LET'S JUST WALK AROUND
WE CAN ALWAYS COME BACK SOME TIME
QUIT BAWLING
AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE MY DRIVER'S LICENSE YET.
THE PARK CLOSES AT SIX IN FEBRUARY

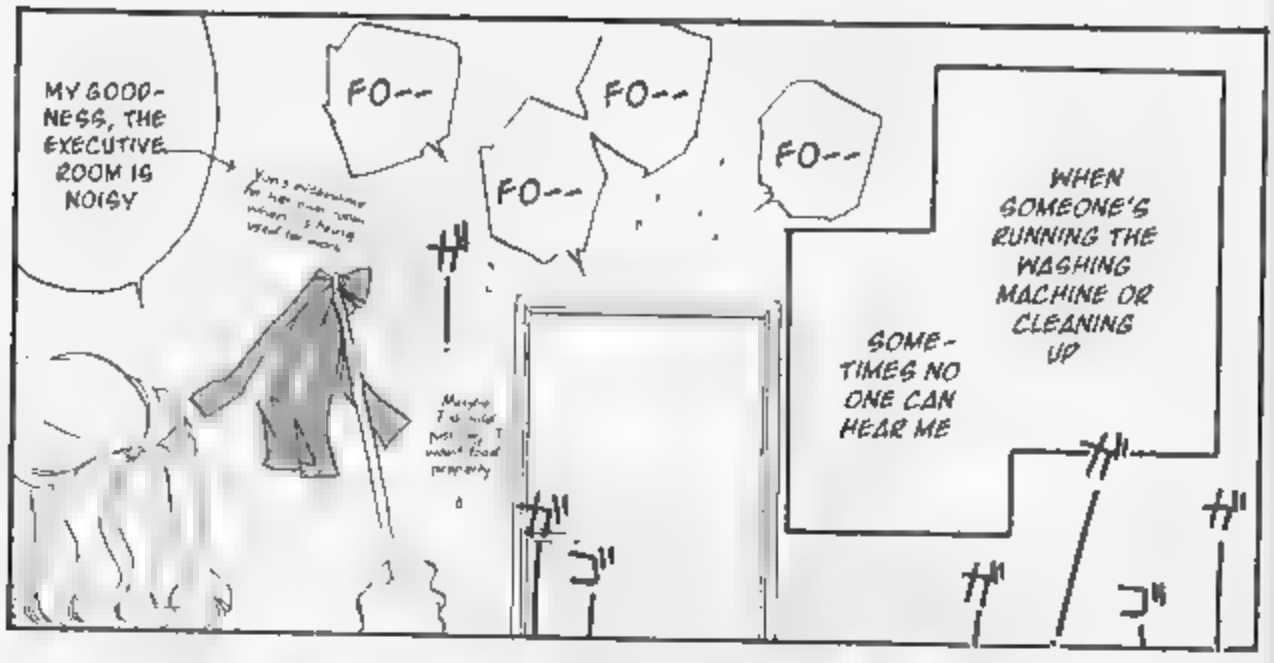
# RECIPE 1-3 "YUN KOUGA BUY ELECTRONICS"

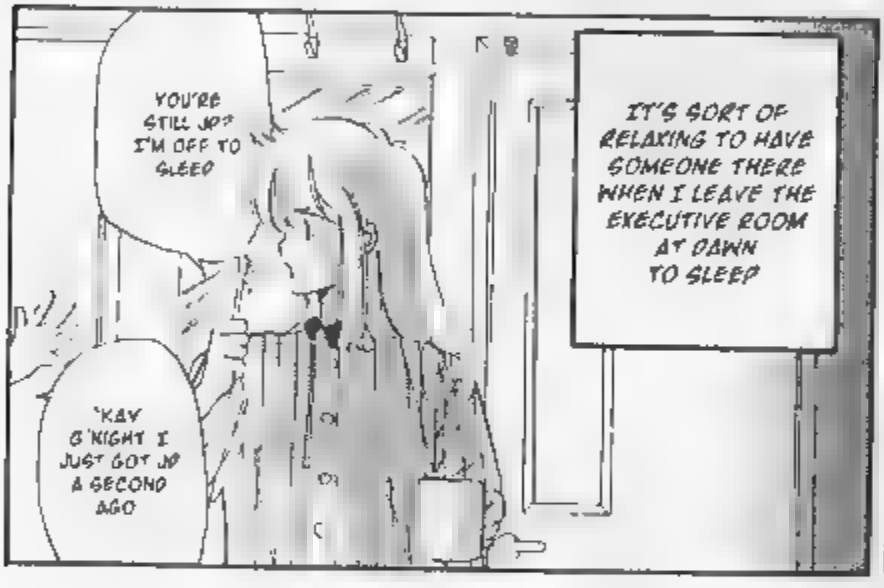


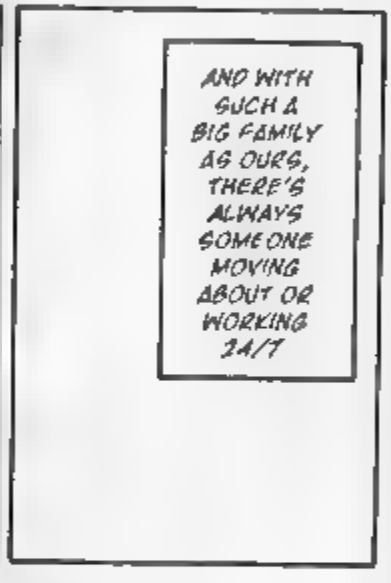
## RECIPE 1-4 "YUN KOUGA DOES TRAINING CAMP"



THEN, ASIDE FROM THOSE WHO DO THE ILLUSTRATIONS, THERE ARE ABOUT THREE OTHER PEOPLE WHO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING ELSE
★ Full time employment means they have to sleep over at my place
THEY'RE THE PEOPLE WHO DRAW THE PICTURES.
I WORK WITH TWO EXCLUSIVE ASSISTANTS, BUT THERE ARE TWO TO THREE FULL-TIME STAFF
ALL RIGHT THEN, THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW? FOR FIVE DAYS
I'M GOING OUT SHOPPING COULD I BORROW YOUR CAR GON-CHAN?
THAT'S NOT SO MANY
WE'LL BE HAVING NINE PEOPLE FOR DINNER TONIGHT
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, WE'RE A BIG FAMILY
THEN, INCLUDING THOSE WHO COME AND GO TO LOOK AFTER THINGS, WE COME TO A GRAND TOTAL OF 20 SOME ODD PEOPLE
THIS IS HOW IT USU-ALLY GOES BUT
FO--
LET'S HAVE SOME BOILED FISH.
FOOD'S ON TS WAY!
CO--
WITH SUGAR AND CREAM, RIGHT?
COFFEE, ON TS WAY!
T--
HOW ABOUT OOLONG TEA?
TEA? RIGHT AWAY!
SOMETIMES I WORK SO HARD I END UP EXHAUSTED AND IT BECOMES A PAIN JUST TO SPEAK. SO WE'VE DEVELOPED A CODE SYSTEM

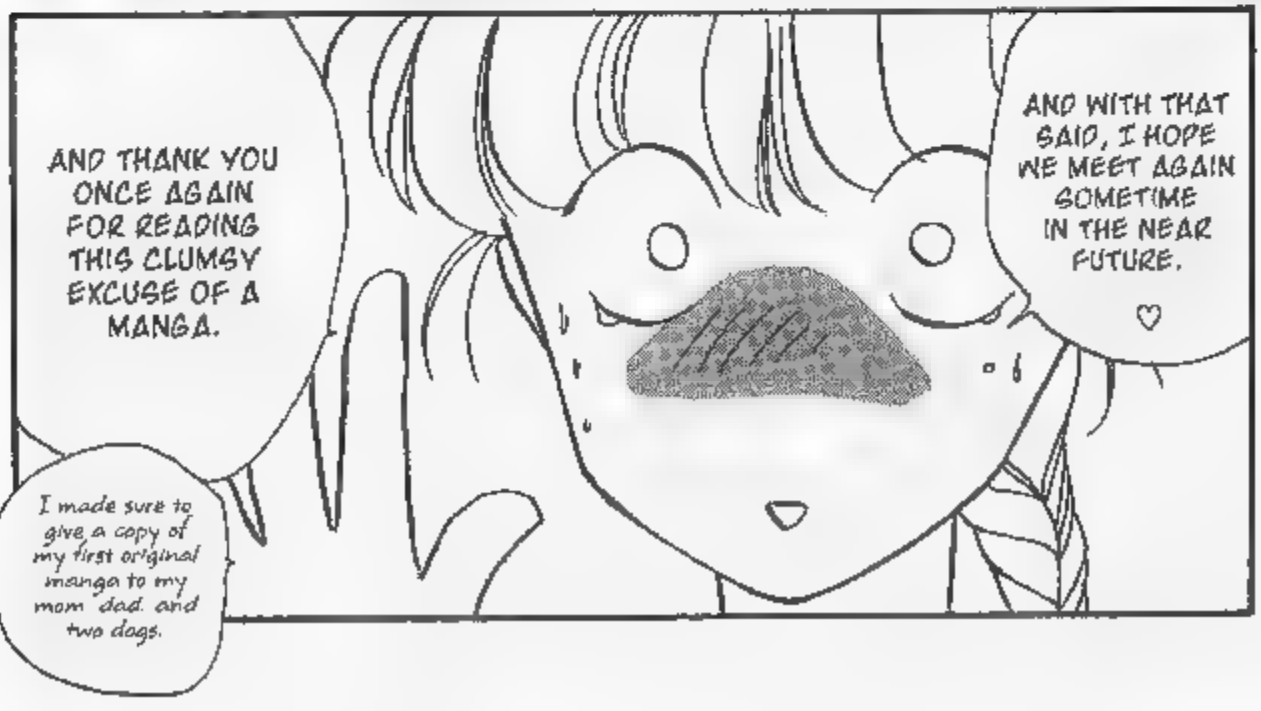

MY GOODNESS, THE EXECUTIVE ROOM IS NOISY
FO--
FO--
FO--
FO--
SOMETIMES NO ONE CAN HEAR ME
WHEN SOMEONE'S RUNNING THE WASHING MACHINE OR CLEANING UP

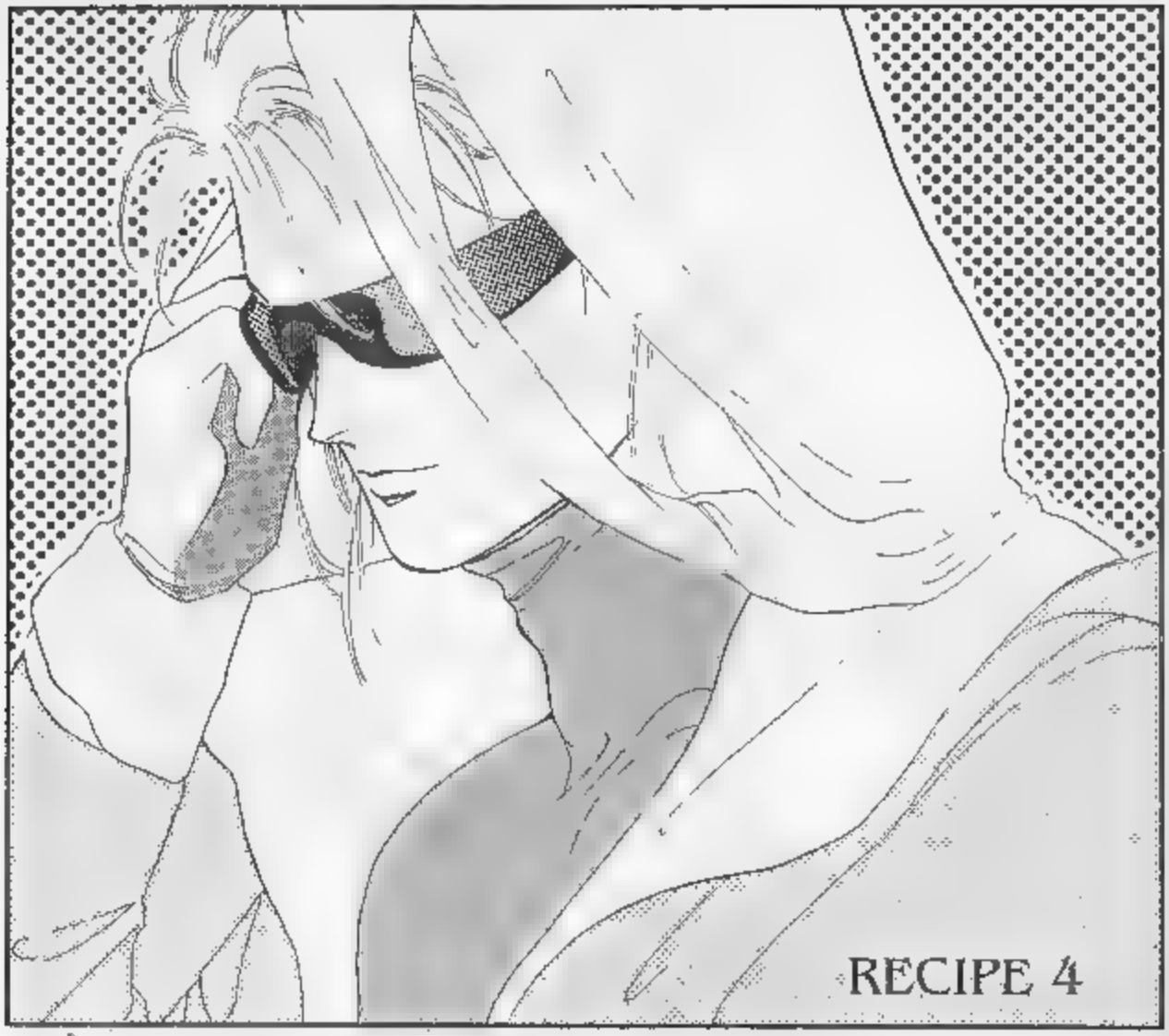

YOU'RE STILL UP? I'M OFF TO SLEEP
'KAY G'NIGHT I JUST GOT UP A SECOND AGO
IT'S SORT OF RELAXING TO HAVE SOMEONE THERE WHEN I LEAVE THE EXECUTIVE ROOM AT DAWN TO SLEEP


AND WITH SUCH A BIG FAMILY AS OURS, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE MOVING ABOUT OR WORKING 24/7

That's uh laughter
CHATTER
CHATTER
I LOVE FALLING ASLEEP TO THE SOUND OF PEOPLE BUSTLING ABOUT FROM BEYOND THE SLIDING DOOR SCREEN
BWA HA HA HA!!
THIS IS BLISS! ♡

I'VE ALSO STARTED TO LIKE CHIHAYA AND KAGETSUYA A LOT MORE NOW
Heh heh
WHEN I FIRST STARTED DRAWING EARTHIAN, I DION'T THINK I COULD MAKE IT INTO A SERIES AT ALL, SO WHEN I HAD TO TURN IT INTO A THREE-PART SERIES IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME, I WAS DESPERATE
ORIGINALLY, I WASN'T THE TYPE TO REALLY GET INTO MY CHARACTERS, BUT NOW I'M TRYING A LOT HARDER
I'VE LEARNED TO LOVE IT, NOW THAT I FEEL LIKE I'M EXISTING ALONGSIDE IT
OF COURSE I'M STILL DESPERATE, BUT I'M REALLY GLAD I KEPT IT GOING AS A SERIES
PLEASE REFER TO YUN KOUGA S OFFICIAL SITE HTTP://www.KOKONOE.COM. FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN WRITING E-MAILS


AND THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR READING THIS CLUMSY EXCUSE OF A MANGA.
AND WITH THAT SAID, I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
♡
I made sure to give a copy of my first original manga to my mom, dad, and two dogs.




Uh. It's now impossible to tell who this was supposed to be. It's not an exotic babe from a far off land it's Kagetsuya. 6

## RECIPE 4 "YET ANOTHER GREETING"

## RECIPE 4-2 "A DOUBLE RELEASE IS MY DREAM"

FOR THE OPENING COLOR PAGE I HAD PLANNED TO DRAW AYA AND MIYAGI EVERYONE KEPT TELLING ME THAT NO ONE WOULD CARE FOR THAT, SO I WOUND UP DRAWING CHIHAYA AND KAGETSUYA INSTEAD IS IT OKAY IF I DRAW THEM NEXT TIME, THEN?

THIS TIME AROUND, I GOT TO INCLUDE MY DEAR TAKI'S STORY AND CONTINUED THE SIDE STORY OF "SECRET GARDEN."

JUST LIKE LAST TIME, THIS IS ANOTHER CLUMSY PIECE OF TRASH WRITTEN BY YUN

BUT THANK YOU FOR READING THE SECOND VOLUME!

EARTHIAN HAS PROVEN TO BE A WORK THAT IS VERY CLOSE TO ME NOW SO I VOW TO CONTINUE WORKING MY BEST ON IT

# RECIPE 4-3 "AND NOW WE SAY GOODBYE"

Scary

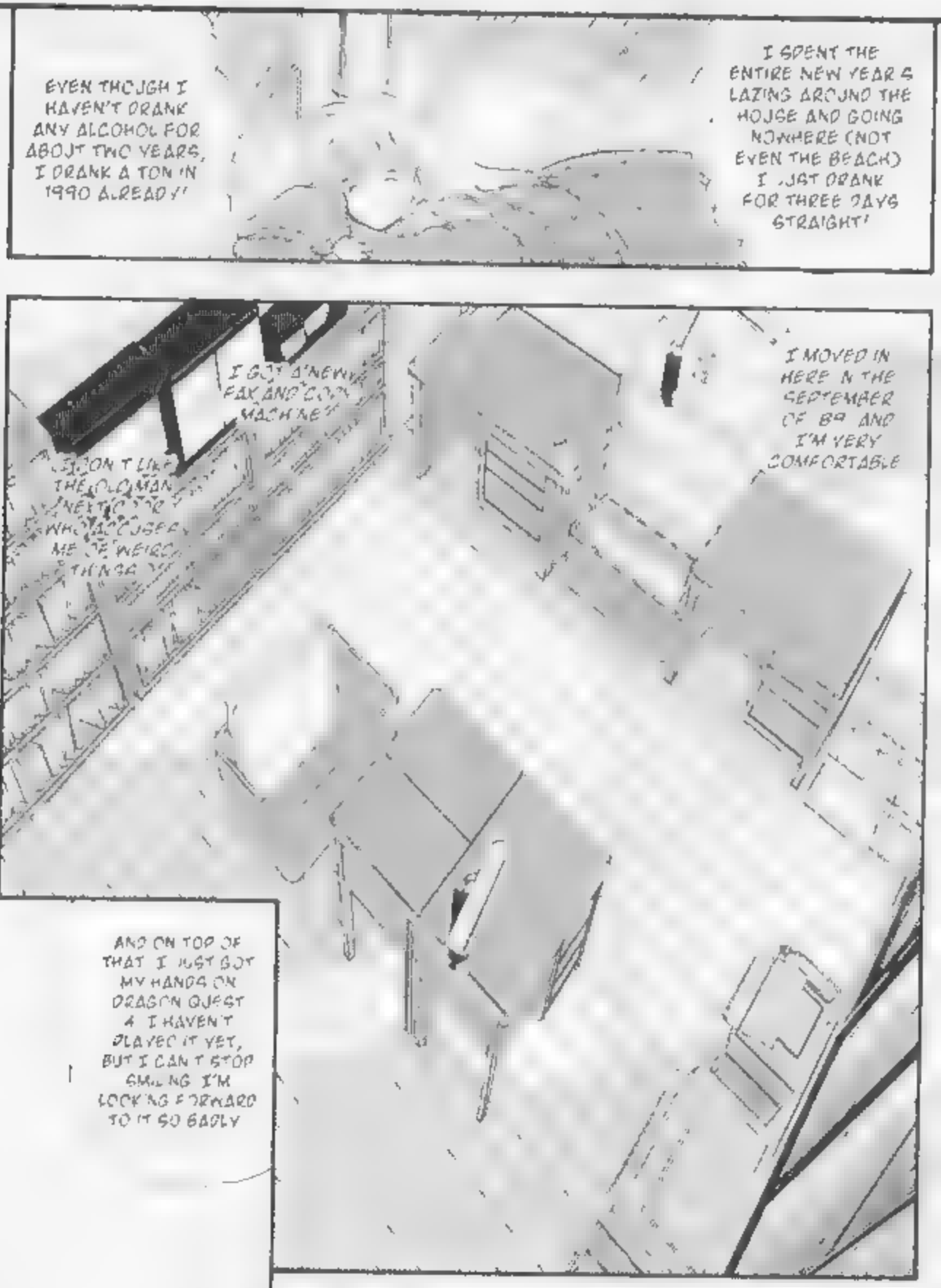
RECIPE 11

11-2 "POPULAR CODE"
SORRY, EVERY-ONE BUT I FINISH-ED THE SKETCH-ES!
GOROU WATARI & INAZU-MAN!

11-1 "GREETINGS"
HELLO! LONG TIME, NO SEE!

THERE'S A SERIES OF CODE WORDS GOING ABOUT THE WORKPLACE WHEN TENSION'S RUNNING HIGH.
I'VE TAKEN MY WEAPON OF "LOVE"!
DON'T WORRY!
SO IN OTHER WORDS "RAGING FIRE OF YOUTH," HUH?
Rose
Hiro
Tama
Rose got a perm
"WEAPON OF LOVE" ↓ "NAP"
"RAGING FIRE OF YOUTH" ↓ "I'LL NOW COPY THE SKETCHES TO THE FINAL MANUSCRIPT PAPER"
"GOROU WATARI IS INAZUMAN!" ↓ "I'M SORRY I'M LATE!" OR "SORRY FOR THE DELAY!"
NO, BUT I DO HAVE SOME "OH, BUT WHAT IS YOUTH" (TONE #61).
WHERE'S THE "LOVE" (ROUND PEN) AND "BONDS" (TURNIP PEN)?
HEY, ANYONE KNOW WHERE THE "ROARING IGNORANCE" (TONE #1213) IS?
AND "LET'S HAVE TEA" IS "GOURIKI SHOJRA!"!
AND "LET'S EAT" IS "CHOURIKI SHOURA!"!
IT DRIVES ME CRAZY (BUT IT'S FUN)

## 11-3 "IN OTHER NEWS..."



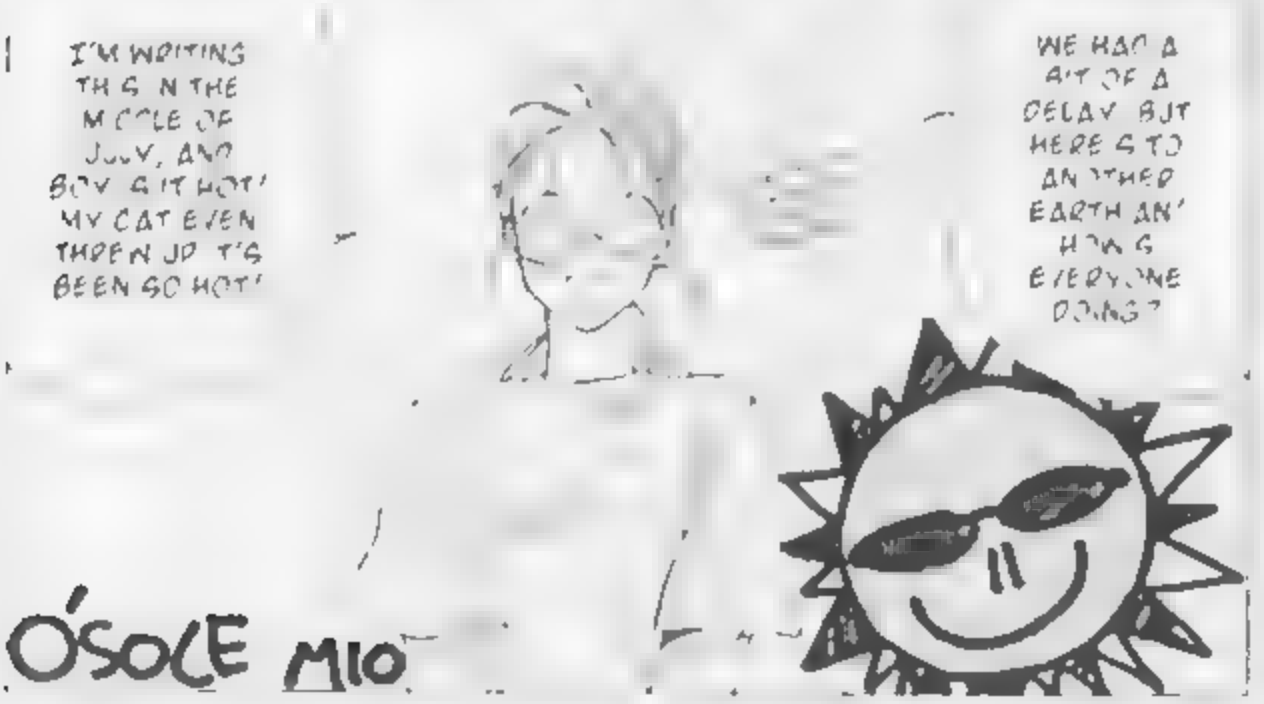
## 11-4 "ABOUT EARTHIAN"

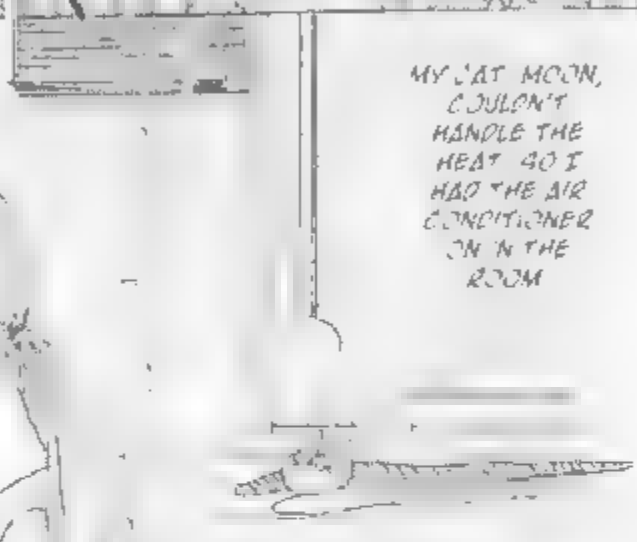
11 5 "EARTHIAN 2"
WHAT YOU'RE THINKING OF MAKING A SECOND OAV OF EARTHIAN?
THAT'S PRETTY HARD
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE ENDING WILL BE EASY TO WRITE
IT'LL BE PRETTY DIFFICULT
I DID EVERYTHING I COULD WITH THE FIRST ONE, SO MAKING A SECOND MEANS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TACKLE SOMETHING COMPLETELY NEW
AND THROUGH THE WORK ON THE OAV WE WERE ABLE TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH
STARTING FROM THE RIGHT
WE'RE HOLDING A MEETING! I'D LIKE TO HEAR EVERYONE'S OPINIONS ON THE SECOND OAV
AND WE DID THE BEST WE COULD
AND SO, WE'RE OFF TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW!
IT WAS A GREAT MEMORY FOR ME
THE DIRECTOR KENICHI OTSUKI-SAN AND ALL THE OTHER WONDERFUL PEOPLE ON THE STAFF

OUR HEROES AREN'T HAVE TO REALIZE SOME THINGS THAN ABOUT SOME THINGS AND ADD A FEW MORE TEARS
I HOPE WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO IT
IT MAY SEEM THAT OUR STORY HAS REACHED A RATHER ABRUPT END BUT THE REST IS AT THE READER'S DISCRETION

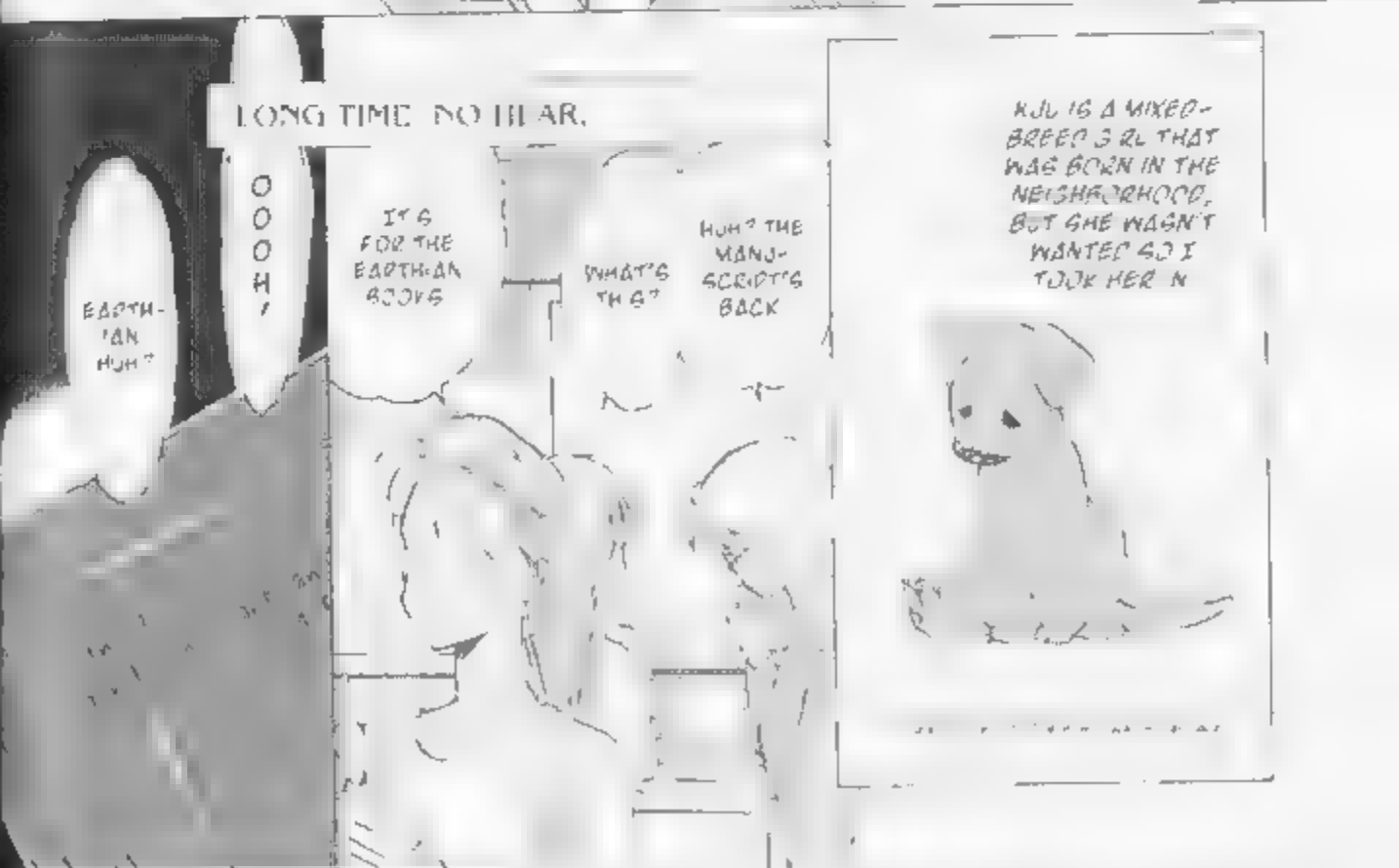
UNTIL NEXT TIME!
AND HELLO TO ALL YOU NEW COMERS
THANK YOU ALL FOR READING!

RECIPE 14


I'M WRITING THIS IN THE MIDDLE OF JULY, AND BOY IS IT HOT! MY CAT EVEN THOUGHT IT'S BEEN SO HOT!
WE HAD A BIT OF A DELAY BUT HERE IS TO ANOTHER EARTH AN' HOW IS EVERYONE DOING?
ÓSOLE MIO




BUT THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, KJU (A ONE AND A HALF MONTH OLD PUPPY I GOT IN JULY) IS STILL YOUNG SO THE AIR CONDITIONER COULD GET HER SICK SO SHE SLEEPS OUTSIDE



IF I ALTER TOO MUCH IT'LL BECOME A COMPLETELY NEW WORK
WHEN I SET TO DRAW SOME THINGS I FIND MYSELF UNABLE TO DRAW
ぷるぷる..
Ugh... Ugh...
THIS BRINGS BACK TOO MANY MEMORIES
I'VE PARTICULARLY ORDERED A LOT OF FLOWERS FOR EARTHDAY I'VE EVEN STARTED DRAWING CHRYSANTHEMUMS AND SUNFLOWERS
THE CARPING & THE NEITHER SCHOOL HAVE STARTED BLOOMING SO I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH FLOWERS ALL OVER AGAIN
YEAH BUT IT'S FUN
LOOKING AT THEM IS FINE BUT THEY CAN BE SO HARD TO DRAW
CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE ONE'S FIRST LOVE
DAISIES REPRESENT HOPE AND PURITY
CHRYSANTHEMUMS ARE FLOWERS THAT FLY ABOUT SPACE
SUNFLOWERS REPRESENT FEAR

I PREFER BEING PEACE-FUL
I HATE IT
UH BUT I LIKE READING ANGSTY STORIES

I WAS PRETTY ANGSTY IN THE LAST VOLUME
AND I'M PRETTY ANGSTY THIS TIME TOO

BUT I'LL PROBABLY WRITE A HAPPY ENDING.

You hate it?!
BUT I'M COUNTING ON YOU TWO!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

RECIPE 16

I REALLY WORKED HARD TO GET JP TO THE LINE "GOD IS WATCHING"
I'M SO HAPPY
THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN
WE'VE NOW REACHED EARTHIAN VOLUME 5!

THE "EARTHIAN" DRAMA CD SHOULD BE GOING ON SALE
SO BY THE TIME THAT THIS BOOK IS IN BOOK-STORES
I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD ON ALL THE VOLUMES TO GET TO THE END, SO PLEASE KEEP READING
OH!
BUT
THE CD INCLUDES THE CHAPTERS FROM VOLUME 1 INCLUDING "VALHALLA." AND "HONG KONG CHINESE."
IT'S A FAITHFUL SCENARIO FOR THE ORIGINAL WORK WITH A WONDERFUL CAST AND COLORED INSERTS. (I WORKED HARD ON THAT.)
THIS GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK OVER VOLUME 1 AND REDRAW SOME OF THE CHARACTERS
OOOOOH!
AAAAAH!

THERE'S QUITE A BIT HAPPENING
OH! SPEC AL COLOR!
THEN DRAW AND COLOR THE CO VACKET--
F RST, CHECK THE SCRIPT
Um, let's see
AND WRITE IN THE COMMENT ARY MYSELF
AFTER THIS, TWO MORE DRAMA CDS ARE SUPPOSED TO COMING OUT, SO PLEASE WAIT FOR THEM.
IT'S NOW ON SALE AND GETTING GREAT REVIEWS!
At least, it should be
I HOPE YOU ENJOY!

WHAT WILL BE THE HAPPY ENDING?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE SOME-ONE?
YOU'RE OFTEN ALONE, THINKING ALL BY YOURSELF
SOMETIMES I GET THE FEELING THAT WRITING MANGA CAN BE A VERY PAINFUL PROCESS.

I DON'T KNOW

OR SUFFERING?

OR PAIN?

WHAT IS A "REAL"?

I DON'T KNOW

WHAT IS "SACRIFICE"?

THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO IN THE END

YOU MAY NOT ALWAYS KNOW IF IT'S RIGHT OR WRONG, BUT JUST DRAW IT

BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS WRITING WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN, AND THINKING A LOT AS YOU DO IT

SO UNTIL THEN, PEACE OUT

IT'S STILL CONTINUING

I DON'T WANT "THEM" TO READ

HE DIDN'T PUT MUCH THOUGHT INTO

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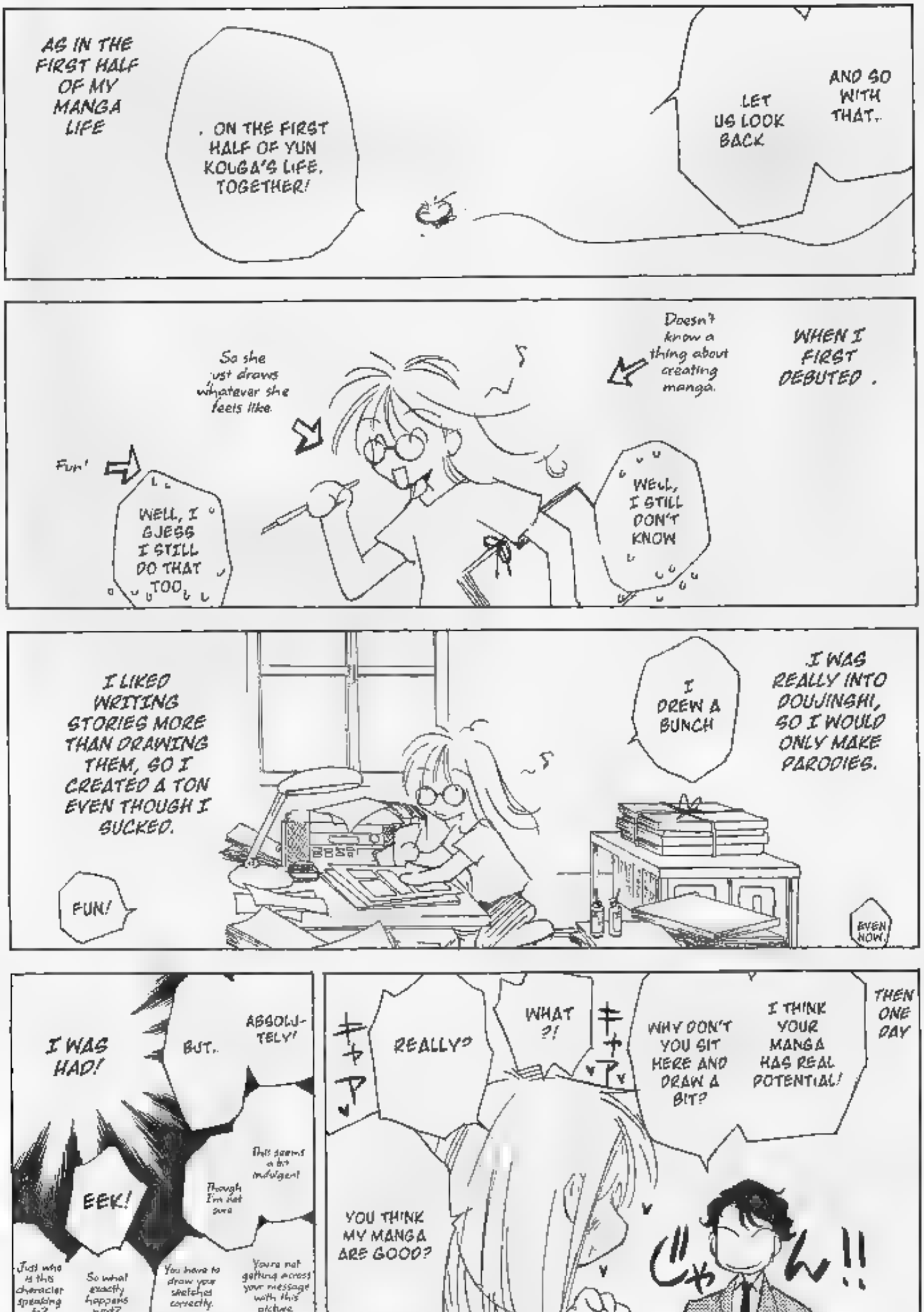
AND WITH THIS FINAL SPECIAL COMPILATION, EARTHIAN COMES TO A CLOSE
THIS REALLY IS
THE END
AND I EVEN INCLUDED ALL THE PAST REC DES AND EXTRAS
THANK YOU ALL SO MUUUUUCH!


AS IN THE FIRST HALF OF MY MANGA LIFE
. ON THE FIRST HALF OF YUN KOUGA'S LIFE. TOGETHER!
LET US LOOK BACK
AND SO WITH THAT..
WHEN I FIRST DEBUTED .
Doesn't know a thing about creating manga.
So she just draws whatever she feels like
Fun!
WELL, I GUESS I STILL DO THAT TOO
WELL, I STILL DON'T KNOW
I LIKED WRITING STORIES MORE THAN DRAWING THEM, SO I CREATED A TON EVEN THOUGH I SUCKED.
FUN!
I DREW A BUNCH
I WAS REALLY INTO DOUJINSHI, SO I WOULD ONLY MAKE PARODIES.
EVEN NOW!
I WAS HAD!
BUT..
ABSOLU-TELY!
EEK!
This seems a bit indulgent
Though I'm not sure
Just who is this character speaking to?
So what exactly happens next?
You have to draw your sketches correctly.
You're not getting across your message with this picture.
YOU THINK MY MANGA ARE GOOD?
REALLY?
WHAT ?!
WHY DON'T YOU SIT HERE AND DRAW A BIT?
I THINK YOUR MANGA HAS REAL POTENTIAL!
THEN ONE DAY
!!

THE FIRST TIME I EVER SERIOUSLY BECAME INTERESTED IN "JUST HOW ARE OTHER PEOPLE DOING IT?" WAS AFTER I FIRST DEBUTED.

GASP!

B-B-BUT OF COURSE I HAVEN'T READ THOSE THINGS!

WHAAAAT?

HA HA HA HA

I TAKE IT YOU HAVEN'T READ A SINGLE BOOK ON HOW TO DRAW MANGA, EH?

NOOO!

SENSEI!

SENSEI!

STOP IT!

WHAT SHOULD I DO HERE?

KNOCK IT OFF!

I'M NO SENSEI!

SENSEI!

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK

NOOO!

AND YET EVERYONE KEPT CALLING ME "SENSEI."

I WANT TO GET BETTER!

I WANT TO! WANT TO! WANT TO!

I WANT TO GET BETTER!

TOTALLY DEJECTED

WHEN I STARTED GETTING PUBLISHED IN A MAGAZINE, I THEN REALIZED JUST HOW BAD I WAS AND JUST HOW GOOD EVERYONE ELSE WAS.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED WHILE WRITING THIS MANGA.

I'M GOING TO MAKE IT!

I'M GOING TO BE A MANGA SENSEI!

ALL RIGHT!

FROM NOW ON, I AM A SENSEI!

Ow ow ow!

Tried flying.

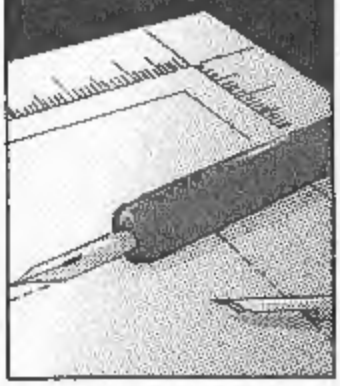
BUT THEN I SUDDENLY REALIZED. IT WAS EASY TO SIMPLY SAY "I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE A SENSEI" OR "IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!" AND RUN AWAY.

"BUT SOMEDAY... WE'LL MEET AGAIN."

"FAREWELL, EVERYONE!"

"I'LL NEVER WORK ON THIS AGAIN!"

NOW I'M THINKING BACK TO THE FEELING I HAD WHEN I CREATED THE LAST OF EARTHIAN.



...THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

TO ALL OF THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT AND ALL OF MY READERS...

I JUST WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE.

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To all of you who were my assistants! And you too, Narushima Yuri. Thank you! I love you!

Thank you!!
Goodbye!

*Till next time! Love, Yun Kouga.*

THE END

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